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## NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2011

Welcome to your Summer 2011 newsletter.

Firstly, a huge thank you from the Committee to all Club members and supporters who have given their time to help us maintain a presence at events across the country.

These events provide a valuable opportunity for promoting the breed we all know and love and giving others in the dog world, and those interested in owning a Slovak, a realistic insight into the breed's characteristics, abilities and behaviour.



The Midland Game Fair at Weston Park in Shropshire (17 - 18 September) was our next destination. To find out more and get involved for next year contact the Secretary or visit the Fair's website at:

[www.countrymanfairs.co.uk/midland-game-fair](http://www.countrymanfairs.co.uk/midland-game-fair).

We also held a very enjoyable and successful Fun Day and Working Test. This year's event was held near Hull giving owners and dogs based further north the chance to participate without a long journey. Full details of the event further on in your Newsletter.

The Working Test was a hugely enjoyable day and a huge range of HPRs putting their skills to the test with a record number of Slovaks. Details can be found in *All Worked Up* section.



**Stewart Egerton at the Yorkshire Game Fair**

So far this year volunteers and their dogs have done a fabulous job in promoting the breed at Discover Dogs, Kelmarsh Game and Country Fair, the Yorkshire Game Fair and at Crufts.

We also put in a very strong presence at the CLA Game Fair at Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire from 22 to 24 July and enjoyed educating many interested people about the breed and its working ability.

Making her debut appearance during that weekend was 'Bella' one of the new colored imports.. and what a total hit she was..



**Bella & Julie @ CLA**

**STOP PRESS:** A SRHP only training course has been made available to our members for 2012 in conjunction with the SRHP Club by kind invitation of Trevor Rigby. The course will be offering both theory, practical and working situations throughout the year concluding with a shooting experience. Places are limited and are offered on a first come first served basis. Contact the Secretary [Julie] on 01526 861431 for more details.

# Slovak Fun Day

This year's Fun Day at Autherthaws Farm, Nr Hull, certainly lived up to its name as dogs and owners enjoyed trying out a range of activities as well as having a chance to talk Slovak with other doting and proud owners of this wonderful breed.

Helped by the sunshine and a fabulous location, the day resulted in many happy dogs and owners trying their hands at agility [pictured right is Mike Shepperd with Merlin] and obedience, enjoying an introduction to showing or the tracking, and taking part in the lunchtime scurry.



The relaxed atmosphere, range of expertise, stimulating events and demonstrations made this a very happy and informative day for all who attended, and the huge pond provided a little bit of heaven for the water loving dogs, a particular hit given the warm weather.

Many congratulations to Emma and Stewart Bailey and their girls and to their dog 'Blue' (Achouffe Ardenne) for winning 5 disciplines throughout the day and was ultimately warded the 'Overall Winner' - award and a big thank you to all those involved in making the day such a success. Special thanks to [insert name] for their generosity in making their land available for the day.

More pictures can be viewed on the Club's website at [www.slovakianroughhairedpointerclub.org.uk](http://www.slovakianroughhairedpointerclub.org.uk)



# *‘Show off’s’ ... a celebration of your dogs' achievements....*

## **Kouros' Netherlands triumph**

Paulien Jansen's Kouros (Hunters Grey Delight Amazing Booze) has been busy winning accolades in Europe. Our congratulations to both of them for their triumph at the FCI Centenary European Dog Show in Leeuwarden where Kouros was awarded Best of Breed and European Winner 2011.



**Hunters Grey Delight Amazing Booze**

## **Stormdancer a Classic Dream does it again**

Many congratulations to Rolf and Pernilla Ryberg and their winning dog Oona (Stormdancer a Classic Dream) for their continued success and impressive and growing list of awards and achievements.

Pernilla Ryberg and Oona have been awarded a diploma of J, SE VCH SE V-09, FIN V-09, NO V-09, NORD V-09, SE V-10, WW-10, NO V-10, NORD V-10 having taken first prize in a field trial in Slovakia. "Oona" STORMDANCER A CLASSIC DREAM'S, classe TRAVAIL femelle 1er EXCELLENT CACS - CACIB

## **World Show – PARIS Oona’s new title ....**



J, SE VCH, SE V-09, FIN V-09, NO V-09, NORD V-09, SE V-10, WW-10, NO V-10, NORD V-10, FR W-11, WW-11 Stormdancer a Classic Dream,

## **Another good citizen**



**Good citizen Merlin with Karen & Mike**

Congratulations to Karen and Mike and their dog Merlin (Achouffe a la Roche) for being awarded both the bronze and silver Kennel

Club Good Citizen awards; and both on the same day.

Thrilled with Merlin's performance, the couple said: *"We are extremely proud of Merlin, I'm sure that if we were allowed to take the Gold as well he would have got all three! Merlin is such an amazing dog, we feel truly blessed to share our lives with him. Everything we do with him he enjoys himself and he lives life to the full."*

### Purdey

Purdey (Ir Sh Ch Achouffe Fantome Ch Celtic Jnr Winner), owned and trained by Anne Collen in Ireland, has been impressing judges in Ireland and England with her agility ability.



**Purdey in action**

Not only did she take an admirable place (18/200 dogs) when competing for the very first time at the Agility Festival at Kelmarsh, she went on to win the Grade 1 - 5 Jumping at her second attempt at the Fingal Agility Show under Swedish Judge Jorgen Sundwall.

This builds on Purdey's considerable success last year when she took three Best UD tracks in her first Working Trials whilst in the show ring she achieved her Irish Junior Ch Achouffe Fantome Jun Ch Celtic Junior Winner '10 status.

**Purdey**



### Highland triumph

Ir Sh Ch Hosta Pride in Greyspirit Jun Ch Celtic Jnr Winner 09' was also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively in Novice at the GSPC Highland Group & North of Scotland Assoc GWT.



### More show news

Asha (Ansona Cleopatra) owned by Sue Barrs-Gordon and Julie George-Ainscough's Remi (Achouffe Aslovak) (pictured below) took Best Import and Res Bl respectively at National Gundog Champ Show under Judge Pam Blay.



Please send news of all your dogs' achievements and successes no matter how great or small to [caroline@wright-ommunication.co.uk](mailto:caroline@wright-ommunication.co.uk) remember no input no output..

# *Making a special connection*

*Caroline Wright*

Slovaks are known for their sense of fun and immense energy, but too many people seem to overlook their incredible sensitivity and their huge love for almost anyone they meet along life's way.

Caroline Wright's three year old Flossie (Stormdancer Roue) has shown a truly remarkable sensitive streak and has become a very important and much loved member of a team of humans and animals working with children with learning difficulties and disabilities, behavioural issues and physical disabilities.



**Paying attention at the morning meeting**

Caroline and friend and colleague Jo Corfield share a love of horses and a passion for helping children build confidence and find the freedom to express themselves fully and creatively.

With a herd of equine helpers, they teach children about how horses communicate, help facilitate the powerful connection that often exists between child and horse and

use discussion and storytelling to help children express themselves.

Little did they know when they first started working on the project that bouncy, exuberant Flossie would become such a willing and committed part of the team.

Serene, gentle and loving, she develops a real bond with the children and, along with her Caim Terrier and Labrador colleagues, helps bring a very special dimension to the day.

Creating a supportive, friendly and creative environment for the children to work and explore in is of great importance to Caroline and Jo, who take huge pleasure in seeing children leave inspired by their experiences and with a sense of achievement and confidence.

There is no doubt whatsoever that their grey hairy volunteer takes her role in helping to create this environment very seriously indeed.



**The apprentice**

# ALL WORKED UP

## SRHP Club Working Test

This year's Working Test was again held at Riverswood on the beautiful Balcombe Estate in West Sussex on August 13th, and was indeed built on the huge success of last year's event.

Everyone attending enjoyed a fun, testing and rewarding day out with their dogs. Whether an experienced handler or a novice or complete beginner, there was a class for everyone; and many participants enjoyed receiving advice and tuition from judges and experienced handlers.

We had huge support from HPR owners across the board with 87 entries in total and an admirable 11 SRHP's running which made this a most enjoyable and competitive event. It was also a supportive environment for dogs and owners alike.

Many congratulations to 18 month old Lukas (Achouffe Lukas) owned by Mike and Julia Kerby from Hampshire who took first place winning the Special Beginners Silver Salver and the SRHPC Perpetual Shield for the Highest placed SRHP with 93.5/100 points. Trained and handled in the field by Julia together they had an absolutely amazing day.



Lukas



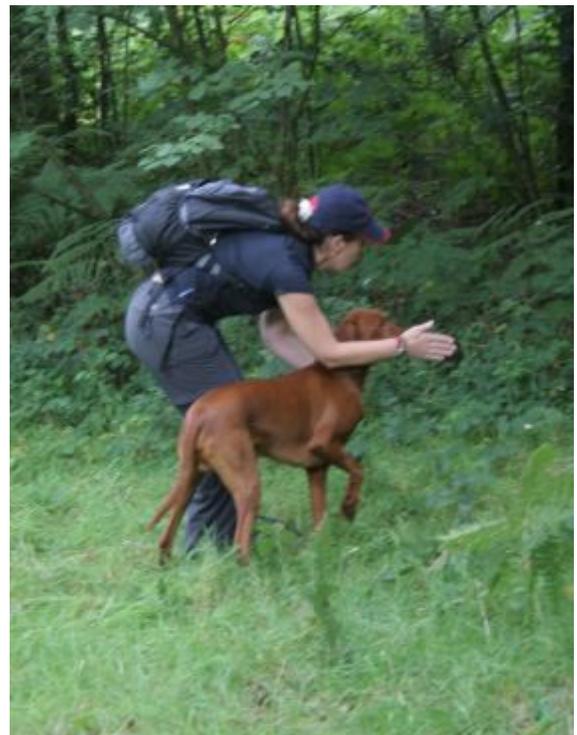
The Puppy test was won by Harrigoss Fenice. Warrndown Flash who took first place in the Novice group and Warrendown Little Atilla was first among the Graduate group. The Open class was won by Deepthatch New Moon. Full results of all the classes can be found at the end of this newsletter or on the Club's website.

There were an impressive number of entries for the Conformation Assessment very kindly judged by Mrs Ann Stone (Wipfel). The overall standard of the dogs present was very high with a number of HPRs receiving Assessment Certificates with "VERY GOOD". However, only one HPR was awarded "EXCELLENT" which went to an Hungarian Vizsla "PARCROFT PIROS BY ARUNSZVAR" handled by Mrs Anthea White.

A very big thank you to Colin Fletcher our Working Secretary for all his hard work, and to the judges along with everyone who supported this great event. Thank you too to the many participants who have taken the time to send in such positive feedback.



A photographic cd of the day is available, at a cost of £3.00 each for full details please contact Working Secretary Colin Fletcher.



## *A special message from the Committee*

We write to inform our members that the President of the SRHP Club Margaret Holmes who is the prime instigator of our breed here in the UK is currently quite poorly. The Club Committee and we are sure along with her extended Slovak family [you the members] extend their sincere best wishes to Margaret, husband Colin and their family.

*Your membership page.. by Susan Hancock*

## *Slovak recruits....*

Well, it has been a very busy year so far, somewhat marred by an unexpected bout of serious illness of my own. I'm pleased to say I'm back on my feet and thank you to all our 'Slovak friends' who sent their good wishes. They say that every cloud has a silver lining and for me that has been Richard running Dab, our eldest Slovak, at agility. It turns out he is a bit of a natural although I maintain he's doing so well because of the training Dab had received from me, but it has to be said they make a great pair racing round the courses!!

This has left me more time to spend on Ida's training who, now she is old enough, has started her agility training proper. For those of you out there looking to have some fun with their dogs, improve your 'bond' with them and both of you get more fit at the same time, I can heartily recommend it, details of how to get involved can be found on the internet or via The Kennel Club website. Delighted to say that the membership total has now increased to 119.

Sue



# *Health Matters.. up to speed*

## **Club Health Statement**

The Slovakian Rough Haired Pointer Club was approached at the Club AGM in April 2011 by Kate Reevell who offered to compile a report into the development of new breeds into the UK focusing in particular on the Slovakian Rough Haired Pointer. The Club gratefully accepted this offer and the report is now available to view or download on the Club website [www.slovakianroughhairedpointerclub.org.uk](http://www.slovakianroughhairedpointerclub.org.uk)

Following reports that a number of health issues within the breed had not been officially reported to the Club, committee member Mick Heap decided to review these issues and reported back to the committee with his findings and a number of recommendations. This report can also be found on the website.

The Club will be taking action on the issues raised and has already agreed to set up a Health Sub Committee to deal with current and future issues and will work toward providing comprehensive advice for current and potential new owners in addition to working on a Code of Ethics for Breeders. We have also appointed a Careline Co-ordinator to deal with rescue and re-homing - Tania Dynowska (Tel: 01376 749849) available in the Kennel Club Directory via their website and in print from next year.

The Club would like to thank both Kate Reevell and Mick Heap for their respective works and hope you find them both interesting and informative. For further information on the breed please contact the Secretary, details can be found on the contacts page.

If anyone who does not have easy access to the internet would like a copy of either report please contact Julie George-Ainscough by telephone on 01526 861431 or by post at 'Hunters Croft' 15 Church Street, Billingham, Lincs LN4 4HN.

## **Questionnaire**

The Club is keen to know of any illness or ailments your SRHP may have had or is currently being treated for and to this end a questionnaire, which will be treated in strictest confidence, is included on page 14 of this newsletter.

## The latest from the Kennel Club on Inbreeding Coefficients

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### Slovakian Rough Haired Pointer



**11.5%**

#### What does this value mean?

Inbreeding is defined as the mating of related individuals, whether they are closely related or more distantly related. The inbreeding coefficient of an individual is the probability that two copies of the same gene have been inherited from a common founder, that is an ancestor shared by both parents. The lower the inbreeding coefficient, the lower the probability (risk) that this will happen.

An inbreeding coefficient of 12.5% means that there is a 1 in 8 chance that a dog will inherit the same version of gene from the same dog that appears in both the sire's and dam's pedigree. The puppies born to a mother/son, father/daughter or brother/sister mating (which the Kennel Club will no longer accept for registration), would be at least 25%. The inbreeding coefficient of puppies born from a grandfather/granddaughter mating would be at least 12.5%.

See <http://www.the-kennel-club.org.uk/services/public/mateselect/breed/Default.aspx?id=2180>



*and finally ...*

The winner of our Caption Competition No 4 was Helen Nathan from Glasgow with:

A whole new meaning to the term - "taking home a doggy bag"

## 'Caption Competition'

This is Caption Competition No 5



We'll pay £5.00 for the best caption!

Mark your entry 'Caption Comp' and email your idea to Julie George-Ainscough at [achouffegundogs@btinternet.co.uk](mailto:achouffegundogs@btinternet.co.uk) or post to 'Hunters Croft' 15 Church Street, Billingham, Lincs LN4 4HN. All participants must be over 18 and have their entries in before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011. The winner will be announced in the next Newsletter.

**Looking the part** The Club now has its very own range of clothing. Smart Khaki polo shirts featuring a subtle logo will shortly be available through the website and is perfect for attending events with your dog as well as everyday casual wear. Keep an eye on the website for availability and new introductions to the range for details telephone 01273 880741

If you have any articles of interest or a tales about your Slovak then send them in, maybe you have a question for me, a little information, some news views or just something you want to air; then why not drop me a line at 'POST BAG'



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# *DOG TAG CORNER. . . your very own picture gallery*



**I don't get paid for this, you know**

**True harmony**



**In the spotlight**



**My best side**



**Focus**

**Slovakian Rough Haired Pointer Health Questionnaire**

The Kennel Club along with the SRHP Breed Clubs are keen to know of any illness or ailments your SRHP may have had or is currently being treated for. The Kennel Club has asked for each breed to nominate a Health Liaison Representative to collate any information relating to the health of their breed. The Representative for SRHP's is Sandra Rowbury.

The purpose of this would be to identify any health issues that are currently facing the breed.

Below you will find a short questionnaire which we would like you to complete. Any information will be treated in the STRICTEST CONFIDENCE. You do not have to be a member of any breed club to help with this as we need information from everyone with a SRHP.

You do not have to fill in any personal details or give the Registered Name of your dog, you can give their pet name but it is important to name the Sire and Dam. It is also important that you give your permission to your Vet to discuss with Sandra Rowbury any health problems that your dog may have suffered should he need to be contacted.

Please email the completed form to [srowbury@btinternet.com](mailto:srowbury@btinternet.com) or alternatively, please post to Ms S Rowbury, Buckridge Farm, Ludpit Lane, Robertsbridge, East Sussex TN32 5ET

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Name or Pet Name of Dog \_\_\_\_\_

Sire \_\_\_\_\_

Dam \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Details of illness \_\_\_\_\_  
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Was the illness diagnosed by tests or a Post Mortem? \_\_\_\_\_

How old was your dog when first diagnosed? \_\_\_\_\_

Was it treated successfully \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinary Surgeons Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

# SRHP Working Test - Full Results

## SPECIAL BEGINNERS

	NAME	SEEN	BLIND	HUNT	WATER	SCORE
5	ACHOUFFE LUKAS	22	24	23.5	24	93.5
7	MOREHAY ENGLISH LOVE	24	24	20	25	93
3	BROGENSLADE OCTOBER	23	19	22	25	89
10	JACOBS LADDER	24	20	20	24	88
1	SIGOURNEY SHAKATAK	18	24	22	21	85
4	OSCAR AVERY STALLION	24	20	19	21	84
11	CALVENCE JESTER	15	19	23	25	82
2	ACHOUFFE IDA MAY	17	21	21	21	80
9	ALKINDIA PARSIVAL	24	22	23	-	69

## PUPPY

	NAME	OB RET	SPLIT	HUNT	WATER	SCORE
12	HARRIGOSS FENICE	24	24	24	21	93
8	FIREFROST ENCHANTRESS	24	24	21	24	93
13	FECHLINDREAM GRIGIO	23	24	21	20	88
16	BONARIO CHATELAINE	20	22	20	24	86
6	STARSHOT HIGH TIME OF ANNEXE	23	22	17	24	86
11	DEEPTHATCH PIPPA	20	24	19	20	83
2	BASTILLIAN LADY KASSHILDE	22	21	21	11	75
3	DEEPTHATCH PIERMON	23	11	18	23	75
9	ANDSAL FANTASTIQUE OF HEXTOR	21	18	16	19	74
17	PRUSO BLUE MY COVER	21	15	16	18	70
7	GREYSPRIT BLACKTHORN	7	20	19	18	64
14	BONARIO CACHET	20	8	15	19	62
10	GREYSPRIT CUELDER ROSE	17	10	17	16	60
4	GREYSPRIT THISTLE	10	15	18	11	54
5	STORMDANCER BELLA	18	3	11	10	42

## NOVICE

	NAME	SEEN	BLIND	HUNT	WATER	SCORE
23	WARRENDOWN FLASH	20	21	24.5	24	89.5
27	WARRENDOWN ATON	22	23	22	22	89
1	SASFRIDS SOLOROS	25	17	21	24	87
9	TYSIL PUMPKIN PIE	22	16	23	24	85
5	LUTRA FLAME	18	24	18	24	84
12	WURTOCKS SPAR	15	19	25	22	81
16	WITHAM FRIARY CARMEN	19	19	21	22	81
11	WARRENDOWN LITTLE ATILLA	17	20	24	16	77
21	SAMSON BERTRAMO	15	13	25	19	72
8	LATTERSEA MISS LUCY	19	15	18	19	71
14	FIREFROST ENCHANTRESS	19	21	16	15	71
29	KISS THIS	5	20	21	19	65
3	WIPFEL VER SACE	12	16	20	17	65
24	HARRIGOSS FOLA	20	12	17	15	64
25	RISING ATHENA	23	10	18	5	56
19	ME'WDALE AMARETTO	12	18	18	5	53
2	DANGVORD DION	20	12	15	5	52
26	BONARIO	12	12	18	5	47
28	STORMDANCER SWELL	5	12	11	12	40
10	LUTRA FREE TO RUN	5	10	13	10	38
4	AUCASSIN MOMO	0	17	17	0	34

## GRADUATE

	NAME	SEEN	BLIND	HUNT	WATER	SCORE
8	WARRENDOWN LITTLE ATILLA	22	20	24	23	89
3	KIMMAX KISS THIS	23	20	23	22	88
10	WIREWOLF COPPERHEAD	24	23	25	14	86
6	TARKANYA HOLLYS	25	10	22	24	81
5	PARCROFT PIROS BY ARUNSZVAR	20	20	18	22	80
7	LATTERSEA MISS LUCY	15	24	24	15	78
11	WITHAM FRIARY CARMEN	20	23	15	17	75
9	SASFRIDS LILJA	14	25	13	0	52
1	AUCASSIN MOMO AT GALODY	0	0	17	0	17



## OPEN

	NAME	SEEN	BLIND	HUNT	WATER	SCORE
11	DEEPTHATCH NEW MOON	24.5	24	21	24	93.5
8	BRYANTSCROFT BALLYMEAN	23	21	23	22	89
16	BLYTHEBEK ELIXIR	24.5	20	21	23	88.5
4	GREYSPIRIT VALOUR	25	22	18	21	86
2	PRUSO GUNNER B	18	24	21	21	84
9	PITWIT GAMEFINDER	16	23	23	20	82
3	MUSTWOK MAMBO	23	18	21	20	82
14	WIREWOLF GOSHANK	18	23	18	22	81
15	PARCROFT PIROS	24	15	15	24	78
7	RUSSETMANTLE IDAHO	18	22	15	23	78
6	RUDISHAW RIGHT	22	20	17	15	74
1	BLAUDAGER PANSI	17	22	17	17	73
5	PITWIT JACK	15	20	18	16	69
10	RAYCRIS MIGHTY ANTHEM	24	18	21	0	63
13	TARKANYA HOLLYS HUGO	16	22	10	0	48
17	WIREWOLF COPPERHEAD	21	0	24	0	45

