# The German Longhaired Pointer Club

# NEWSLETTER





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# Healing Hands and the Eyes Have It

Apart from the tedium of game keeping duties, our own sporting year always starts with a flurry of activity in preparation for the annual trek north. It is invariably the same - weekly planning meetings with Mick, the Falconer, and his wife, Pat - usually on a Friday night and involving take away food and alcohol.

Grouse are few and far between where we go. They are hard won, and to guarantee a modicum of success there are two essential ingredients - Anna and Sundowner, the tiercel Gyr/Peregrine assassin. Many younger dogs and a bird or two are always on the cards, but we needed the ace team of experienced hands to start the ball rolling. This year we were o.k. in the killing department, but we had problems on the hunting side. A few weeks before we were due to go Anna somehow injured her front offside leg - probably scaling the fence in the paddock, and she was in great pain. It seemed to get better, but just seven days before the off she was on three legs again - this time in a serious way.

In desperation we spoke with our physiotherapist friend, Marie, who lives in the next village. She also owns a Longhair and, fantastically, practices a treatment known as the Bowen Technique on her patients. Both Eileen and I have been subject to it in the past following a car crash and we know it works. We learned that Marie had just qualified to give this treatment to dogs also, and was looking for patients to practise on.

In just three sessions Anna was like a spring lamb, working every day on the hill without showing any sign of distress at all. Not bad for a ten year old.

There was a need to train a younger dog, Eris that I had entered in the Drumochter trial. The plan was to get a point with Anna; fly the Gyr, which would also make any remaining grouse clap down tight; switch dogs and run Eris up to see if there were any remaining – then shoot a grouse from the younger dog's point, if we were lucky.

It almost worked like a dream. Anna got her point after about half an hour and she held it for ages until we caught up with her. I pegged Eris down and left her with the gun about 80 yards back while Mick moved round in front to put the Gyr up. I walked up to Anna and, when we were ready, got her to flush. As expected, the old cock grouse got up and cackled away down wind. The Gyr had just slipped into the wrong position at the time of the flush and he tail chased the grouse down the strong wind – not a good combination for a kill. They both disappeared over the side of the hill. We could tell the Gyr was a long way off and probably had not killed, so phase two of the plan kicked in – walk back, switch dogs and see if we could shoot one in front of Eris. I changed them over, collected the gun and walked back 80 yards into wind, whilst Mick went to look for the bird.

Eris decided she knew best and went charging off left handed. It took a bit of persuasion to get her back in the right area and straight away she indicated scent, telling me by her reactions that the birds had run on. Her inexperience showed and she lost the bird a couple of times, quickly latching on to it again, but the third time the grouse, which had doubled back, leapt up behind the two of us. I scrambled a hasty shot over my left shoulder and saw a couple of feathers fall. The bird flew strongly, like a bullet, straight past Anna, sitting 80 yards to the rear, and out of sight over the top of the hill. Anna, still tied to the stick, was standing on her hind legs watching intently. Eris hadn't a clue what was going on, and just concentrated on being steady (good girl!). As I walked back Anna did not take her eyes from the direction which the grouse had flown in. When I got to her she gave me that knowing look I sometimes get when we were out wildfowling. I'decided to give it a go, despite having no idea at all

where the grouse might be. Swapping dogs again I sent her off. Anna disappeared over the side of the hill and I did not see her for a long time until she came into view down in the valley, some 500 yards away. The radio crackled – "Did you know there is a dog down here?" said Mick. "Yes", I replied, "I've sent Anna on a retrieve. If she gets this one she would have won an Open field trial."

"The only problem is my telemetry tells me the Gyr is sitting on the ground somewhere in the same area. I don't know whether he has killed or not."

PANIC. I had visions of £1,000 worth of very angry raptor being brought back and Anna might not take too kindly to talons in her nose. She was so far away I doubted whether I could communicate with her, either by voice or whistle. I gave the stop whistle a very, very long blast. I saw her stop and presumed she was looking, so I stretched out my arms and gave three very long recall whistles. The little black dot turned and came back up the hill. After what seemed ages she was panting by my side.

We waited for nine minutes, and then the radio burst into life – "I've got him, and he hasn't killed". I sent Anna again. She had forgotten about the retrieve and made as if to go hunting. I reminded her of the task in hand and I saw realisation come over her face. Anna set off down the hill, straight as an arrow, to the area where I had stopped her before. When she got there she turned into wind and started to quarter a patch about 50 yards wide.

The radio spoke once more. "Looks like she's just won an Open field trial", said Mick. "Call her in."

I didn't have to. As he spoke the little black dot turned to make its way uphill again. Her last few yards were walked, but she sat to present perfectly the wounded grouse. Then she lay down in the heather, knackered.

When Mick eventually rejoined us we stood and looked at the spot from where the retrieve was made. We agreed that at best guess it was between four and six hundred yards away.

Some marked retrieve for a ten year old! We drank a beer or two when we got back to base.

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Anna, doing what Anna's do best

The Club has been given permission to hold Novice field trials and we have arranged the first one in Oxfordshire on 21st December. It would be very nice if Club members came out in strength to support the first ever German Longhaired Pointer Club trial.

David Winser, Chairman 2006

# **Spring Pointing Test**

The German Longhaired Pointer Club held a Spring Pointing Test at Launton, Nr Bicester, Oxfordshire on 17th April 2006, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Cliff Simons and Mr John Adams. Thirty dogs were entered, so two groups were run, one being judged by Sheila Kuban and Peter Bakewell, the other by Brian Botterman and Tony Sellin



Group two Judges Brian Botterman & Tony Sellin

Due to a very late spring the crops were too low for the original date scheduled for March so we postponed the pointing test to April and by that time the crops were a little too tall. Partridges were very few and far between so a lot of the adult dogs were unable to be graded as only pheasant were on their beat. However the junior dogs did very well and there were five graded out of the 13 entered.

#### Junior Dogs graded

Very Good - Katjmo Wigeon. G.W.P. Handler Moya Reed.

Good - Dallandor Vanquish. H.V. Handler Jennifer Hurley.

Good - Rochus Volcan. Brittany Handler John Anderson.

Good - Swifthouse Crusader. G.S.P. Handler Jennifer Hurley.

Good - Arany's Busche, G.L.P. Handler Brenda Moss.

#### Adult Dogs graded

Very Good - Hookside Becses. H.V. Handler Karen Maurice.

Good - Arany's Affra. G.L.P. Handler Brenda Moss.



The event was sponsored by Skinner's and the graded dogs were all presented with vouchers for Skinners Field & Trial dog food.

# Spring Pointing Test at Stoke Lyne, Oxfordshire.

Group 1 - Judges Sheila Kuban & Peter Bakewell

Weather conditions were good, clear skies with a steady breeze. In Group 1 all dogs graded were juniors.

#### Jennifer Hurley's Hungarian Vizsla Dallendor Vanquish

This dog's ground treatment was a little untidy, never the less he was careful, checking residual scent but not wasting time in the process. He had a good point on a cock pheasant.

Graded Good

#### Mr J. Anderson's Brittany Rochus Volcan

This little dog was enjoyable to watch dashing here and there with his head high in the air, although his ground treatment was also untidy and a little erratic, he had two very nice finds, one of which was tucked close to a hedge bottom, but the clever Brit, managed to skirt round it and held his bird. The second point, also on a partridge was some distance away and lifted on our approach.

Graded Good

#### Moira Reed's German Wirehaired Pointer Katjmo Wigeon

This dog ran very well. He covered his ground with style and pace. Unfortunately his first run was not productive, his second run again showing drive and enthusiasm, he had an excellent find on a cock pheasant, which he held for some time before being given the command to flush.

Graded Very Good

Jennifer Hurley's German Shorthaired Pointer dog Swifthouse Crusader. This dog used up his first minute to settle down, after which he got to grips with game having two very good points on hen pheasants. He then went on to point a single partridge.

Graded Good

I thoroughly enjoyed my day and would like to thank the GLP Club along with the hosts Madge and Cliff Simons, for inviting Sheila and myself to judge.

#### Peter Bakewell

# **Subscription Reminder**

Renewal of membership was due on 1st October. Thank you to all of you who have renewed by standing order it makes life so much easier and saves the Club a lot of money not having to send out reminders. A standing order mandate is downloadable from the web page, as is application for new members and entry forms for working test, spring pointing tests and field trials.

www.german-longhaired-pointer-club.org.uk

#### Subscriptions remain at:

Joint Full Member	£15
Single Full Member	£10
Associate Member	£5
Overseas (including Eire)	£10
Junior members	£5

#### **Working Test**

We returned to Gill Mill, Ducklington to hold our annual working test on 9th July this year by kind invitation of Mr John Smith. We had a record entry of 72 dogs, 20 in Puppy, 34 in Novice and 18 in Open. It was especially nice to meet John Smith this year as in previous years he has had prior engagements and has not been able to join us for lunch or the prize giving. John also wrote a very nice letter thanking us and saying how much he enjoyed watching the dogs working and meeting so many of the handlers. We are grateful for the support and generosity shown by Mr Smith and Gill Mill was more beautiful this year than ever before. Sincere thanks also to Mark Firmin for his help and support, not just in the setting up and taking down but for the venue arrangements before the day.

Many thanks to our judges
Tim Wignall – Puppy,
Roy Cullen – Water,
David Pilkington – Novice
Tony Russell – Open.

#### The Puppy winners

- 1st Swifthouse Crumble G.S.P. handled by Cliff Simons
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Swifthouse Crispin G.S.P. handled by Madge Simons
- 3rd Wamilanghaar Elixir G.L.P.handled by Theo Gould
- 4th Swifthouse Crusader G.S.P. handled by Jennifer Hurley

#### The Novice winners

- 1st Swifthouse Crumble G.S.P. handled by Cliff Simons
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dallandor Vanquish H.V. handled by Jennifer Hurley
- 3rd Blaujager Fansi Frok for Gacody Weimar. handled by Joanna Laurens
- 4th Swifthouse Crispin G.S.P. handled by Madge Simons



Puppy Winner & Novice Winner
Swifthouse Crumble G.S.P. handled by Cliff Simons

#### The Open winners

- 1st Eely Rags Poplar G.S.P. handled by Lee Loveridge
- Kimmax Kollectable G.W.P. handled by Chris Frearson
- 3rd Aldom Red Grouse H.V. handled by Nigel Dear
- 4th Questor Cranberry G.L.P. handled by Sarah Bond

The event was sponsored by Skinner's and the prize winners were all presented with vouchers for Skinners Field & Trial dog food.



Open Winner
Eely Rags Poplar G.S.P. handled by Lee Loveridge



Judges Tony Russell, David Pilkington, Roy Cullen and Tim Wignall

# **Training Days**

Only one training day has been held this year and this was at Launton by kind permission of Cliff and Madge Simons. Unfortunately we were not able to hold our usual training days at Wormegay, Kings Lynn and so missed the opportunity to work the dogs on sugar beet. David and Cliff were the guns and trainers and there were only two longhairs taking part. There have been a lot of training days held by other societies so if there is not the need at the moment we will not hold one again next year.



Pip and Tarn waiting for their go.



Eris pointing partridge early season

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the German Longhaired Pointer Club held at Pointers, Wistow, Huntingdon, Cambs, on Sunday 21st May 2006, at 11am.

#### 1) Present:

Rob Gould, Theo Gould, Sheila Kuban, Sarah Bond, Chris Hartnoll. Paula Bell, Eileen Winser, David Winser. Maureen Court, Jill Court, Mattais Court, Richard Winser, Theresa Shipp, Andy Hollick.

#### 2) Apologies for absence:

Richard Kuban, Luisa French, Stephen French, James Walker, Wendy Walker, Stephen Winser, Emma Kelly, Catherine Drysdale, Allan Drysdale, Sue Berry, Jennifer Winser, Rhod Smart, Frances Smart, Norman Papworth, Daphne Papworth, David Greenwood.

#### 3) Minutes of the AGM on Sunday 29th May 2005.

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting had been previously circulated in the newsletter. It was agreed that they were a true record of the meeting.

#### 4) Matters Arising

- a. Rejoining fees As the Club is still very small in membership it was felt that the usual system of a reminder with the Newsletter was sufficient to jog the memories of those people who had forgotten to send in their subs. There were very few who had not renewed this year.
- b. Members who were expecting puppies were asked to encourage new owners to apply for Club membership. Forms are now downloadable from the web site.
- c. Rule Change Increase in the number of Management Committee Members. Proposed changes in bold italic.

Rule 3)c) The Club shall have the following Executive Officers: Honorary Secretary, *Honorary Show Secretary* and Honorary Treasurer each remaining in office for three years but being eligible for re-election......

Rule 4)c) Only the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Show Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer and.....

The above rule changes were proposed by the Management Committee and the meeting voted unanimously in favour of them.

- d. Novice Field Trial application. This is discussed in Item 12 The Kennel Club.
- e. Open Show/ Match. The Dutch Longhaired Club has indicated that they would like to come and work their dogs on land in England. The President of the Longhaired Club has been approached with an invitation for his Club members to come, possibly for a mock trial. It may take some time, as passports for some of their dogs will have to be arranged. At the moment it is just an idea that we are going to build on.

There are a number of Championship Shows putting on classes for GLP's. Eileen was asked to write to the Kennel Club and ask if Field Trial Classes for German Longhaired Pointers were going to be scheduled at Crufts in 2007.

At the previous meeting Sarah Bond had asked that, as German Longhaired Pointers were coming off the Import Register, an article be written in a sporting magazine. It was noted that Rob Gould had written an article that had appeared in the Shooting Gazette.

The Web! Site is up and running and all Club events are advertised. The Chairman told the meeting all forms, schedules, and standing order mandates are now downloadable.

#### 5) To elect Hon. Secretary.

The meeting was told that Eileen Winser's three-year term at Honorary Secretary had expired, though she was prepared to stand for another term. Nominations for the position of Honorary Secretary were sought from the floor. There were none. A vote on re-electing Eileen as Honorary Secretary was unanimous.

#### To elect Hon. Treasurer/Membership Secretary.

The meeting was told that only one nomination for this post had been received for the currently co-opted Treasurer/ Membership Secretary, Chris Hartnoll, who was prepared to stand for the position. There being no other nominations, Chris was unanimously elected.

#### To elect Hon. Show Secretary.

The meeting was told that only one nomination for this post had been received for the currently co-opted Show Secretary, Maureen Court, who was prepared to stand for the position. There being no other nominations, Maureen was unanimously elected.

#### 6) To elect Officers.

The meeting was told that the four Officers (Sheila Kuban, Sarah Bond, Rob Gould and David Winser) currently serving were prepared to offer themselves for another term. In light of the fact that there had been no other nominations, they were elected unanimously, en bloc.

#### To elect a Legal Advisor.

The Chairman proposed Howard Llewellyn, Barrister, who had served the Club well in past years. There were no other nominations. Howard was re-elected unanimously.

#### To elect Veterinary Surgeons.

Both Theo and Rob Gould, our Veterinary Surgeons in previous years, were present and indicated they were willing to advise the Club for a further term. There was no other nomination. They were both re-elected Unanimously.

#### 7) Treasurers Report.

The balance in the bank is £1,825.54. It was thought to be very healthy considering the web site had cost over £700. Most members renew their subscriptions by standing order.

It was agreed that the Club would continue to give gifts to judges at working tests and spring pointing tests and also to those people who give their help and time so freely to make the events run smoothly. Sheila Kuban said she was willing to check the accounts at the end of the financial year to avoid paying auditors fees. Theo Gould proposed the accounts be accepted seconded by David Winser.

Unanimous.

#### 8) Working Test

A working test is to be held a Gill Mill, Ducklington, Oxfordshire, again this year by kind permission of Mr John Smith. The date is 9<sup>th</sup> July and the judges will be Tim Wignall - Puppy, David Pilkington - Novice, Tony Russell - Open and Roy Cullen - Water Tests.

The meeting was told that schedules had been sent out with the Spring 2006 Newsletter and schedules are also downloadable from the web site. Sarah Bond asked that schedules be sent to all those people who are not members and entered the working test in 2004 and 2005.

#### 9) Training Day

David Winser explained that the ground at Wormgay, Kings Lynn was not available for let days this coming season. Cliff Simons had offered to hold a day at Stoke Lyne and David is looking at the possibility of another ground on sugar beet in the Peterborough area. More about this will be on the web site when dates and location are confirmed. Sarah Bond agreed to ask Peter Rushbrook if it would be possible to hold a training day on his land in Suffolk.

#### 10) Seminar

Maureen Court said she had had very positive feed back from those taking part in the Seminar in March and those judges that attended had enjoyed the day very much. The speakers were informative and it was thought people had learned a lot about the breed.

Maureen and the committee had compiled a revised judges list and a criteria for show judges will be developed and sent to the Kennel Club with the Annual Returns.

People were pleasantly surprised by Sarah's excellent buffet lunch, which was commented on and enjoyed by everybody.

#### 11) Spring Pointing Tests

The earlier date of 25<sup>th</sup> March had to be postponed due to the very cold spell of weather and the fact that the crops had not grown very well in the area. The next available date was 17<sup>th</sup> April and it brought with it a record entry of 30 dogs. Two groups were run and an extra two judges were invited so that everybody had the chance to run.

There were seven dogs graded in all. Four junior dogs were graded Good and one junior Very Good. In the Adult group there was one Good and one Very Good. We propose to run another Spring Pointing Test next year.

#### 12) The Kennel Club

David Winser talked about the application to the Kennel Club to hold a Novice Field Trial. Letters had been sent to H.P.R. breed Clubs asking if they would support such an application, Kennel Club Panel Judges, and potential hosts who have offered to allow a Field Trial on their land. There have been a considerable number of very supportive replies and in the very near future the Club will officially apply to the Kennel Club to hold a Novice Field Trial. Sheila Kuban talked about the requirement of the Kennel Club regarding its selection of Clubs to run field trials. It was suggested that the Kennel Club would be looking for a well managed Club with an experienced committee.

It was also confirmed that we could drop the provisional title from our letter head as from January 2006, we are no longer a 'Provisional Club'.

#### 13) Breed Standard - The colour Black.

The meeting was reminded of the position so far.

At the 2004 Annual General Meeting there had been discussion of a resolution proposed by Mick Phillips and seconded by Brenda Moss, that "The GLP Club adopt brown, brown and white, brown with white brustflck, brownschimmel, dunkelschimmel, hellschimmel and forellenschimmel into the K.C. Interim Breed Standard and no other definitions or coat colour should be registered."

Considerable debate followed at the conclusion of which the meeting overwhelmingly voted that the Interim Breed Standard and description of coat should remain in English.

Immediately after this decision Mick Phillips verbally proposed that the Committee look at the description of the coat again and make recommendations at the next Annual General Meeting before any decision went to the Kennel Club. Such decision should exclude the words 'trout coloured', which was thought to be misleading. It should also expressly exclude the word 'black' as a breed colour, restricting German Longhaired Pointers to variations of brown and white. Dennis Berry seconded the proposal.

The Management Committee took this task away and discussed the issue. It was agreed that as a matter of history the colour black had never been permitted in Europe and in fact had been expressly excluded when the Germans updated the breed standard in 1902. Karl Brandt, a recognised authority of the time, published a lengthy work on the German Longhaired pointer, which was published in 1910. In it he wrote, in relation to the breed standard and colour,

"'One colour of dark brown, often with a small white breast stripe; white with brown patches and white with brown spots. Sometimes these combinations may be mixed. Colours should never be black or red, because these colours show crossings with Newfoundlands or the Irish or Gordon setters.' In the breed standard of "Verein Deutsch Langhaar" black was initially accepted, but only a few black dogs were listed. Apparently no black dogs were used by reputable breeders and therefore in 1908 a decision was made not to allow black as a colour."

At the Annual General Meeting in 2004 the issue was brought before the meeting again, and in light of the history attached to the colour black, and the fact that with a new breed to the United Kingdom it would be wise to ensure the correct wording was listed from the outset, the meeting decided that the Secretary should write to the Kennel Club to ask for the Breed Standard to be amended to show that the colour black was not permitted. This was to be done at the time when German Longhaired Pointers were moved from the Imported Breeds Register to the Full Register. This course of action was endorsed at the 2005 Annual General Meeting when it was announced that the German Longhaired Pointer would be transferred to the Full Register in January 2006. A letter was sent some time later.

The reply from the Kennel Club advised that "...whilst the club may propose an amendment to the standard, evidence that the matter had been formally agreed by the membership at a club general meeting would be required. Furthermore, the inclusion of such a phrase would not prevent the registration of black-coated dogs. This could only be achieved by the imposition of a restriction on colour registrations, whereby only specified colours can be accepted onto the registrations computer system. In this way any colours not conforming would be logged as 'non-standard'. Therefore, perhaps you could reconsider this matter and confirm the club's desired course of action....."

The meeting was asked whether they wanted an amendment to the Breed Standard to exclude the colour black, or to propose a restriction on colour registrations. During a short discussion it was noted that the wording of a colour restriction might also exclude the descriptive words that people may wish to use, such as words in the German language. The meeting unanimously voted to apply for a restriction on colour registrations.

The Secretary was directed to write to the Kennel Club reflecting this decision, which should also remove the words 'trout coloured' from the Breed Standard. Otherwise the existing wording in relation to colours should be used.

#### 14) Any other business, by permission of the Chair.

The meeting was invited to state any other business. There was none.

The meeting closed at 1.15pm.

# A Longhair goes International



Over twelve years ago I took a Longhair to England, on request of a Dutchman who lives in Ireland. He wanted a longhaired pointer but at that time an imported dog had to stay in quarantine for half a year. So the normal procedure wasn't an option. After some serious thinking we decided that the German Longhaired Pointer *Kimberley van de Molenpeel* had to get pregnant in Holland and to let her whelp the litter in England. Kimberley was at that time youth field trial champion and the best of all pointers.

In England Kimberley went to a quarantine kennel were the pups were born. She had 16 puppies but sadly seven died in a very short time. When I met Rob Gould (he was the vet in charge of the quarantine kennel and also a hunter), he immediately liked the exceptional behaviour of the GLP, and so I decided to make a deal with this vet, if he would be able to keep the rest of the pups alive (nine) he could keep one. With a lot of effort (administrative) on Rob's side he was able to take the pups to his own clinic and it was all

worth it, he kept the rest of the pups alive, so he kept one. Kimberley went back into quarantine before returning to Holland and the rest of the pups took off to Ireland when they were weaned.

The pup for Rob was called Freya of Melissant, named after the place Melissant in Holland where I am from. When Freya of Melissant had her first litter the German Longhaired Pointer was just recognised by the English Kennel Club. Rob kept one pup from this litter called Morgan (Wamilanghaar Ashiestiel) and his wife Theo kept another one called Jack (Wamilanghaar Drumelzier). Jack and Morgan are now eight years old and Jack was made a Field Trial Champion in the UK three years ago. Morgan (Wamilanghaar Drumelzier) won her second Open Stake to make her a Field Trial Champion in November 2004.

Rob and his wife Theo are, in my opinion doing a fine job with breeding, training and hunting with the GLP and when he gave me a pup which is a grandchild of Freya I didn't hesitate to take it. I called her 'Kim' of course, after her great grandmother.

So I first imported the GLP to England and now exported the GLP back to Holland.

With a lot of pleasure I train Kim for the field trials and not without success. The first year Kim was youth autumn field trial champion of the German Longhaired Pointers. Beside that she did so well in the autumn that without taking part in the spring games she was field trial champion of that year from all German Longhaired Pointers. This coming year she will take part in the retrieving trials.

It is always a pleasure to work with the GLP because they are great hunting dogs and have very good contact with their owners. As this story tells they are more than that because they are the source of an exceptional friendship between me and the Gould's!

#### Paul Scheurleer

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G.W.P. Club Allan Hender 0118 971 2	2876
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## Dates for your diary

Novice Field Trial, Launton, Oxfordshire	21st December 2006
Spring Pointing Test, Launton, Oxfordshire	To be arranged
Discover Dogs at Crufts NEC	8/9/10/11 <sup>th</sup> March 2007
GLP Club Working Test, Gill Mill, Ducklington	8th July 2007
CLA Game Fair, Harewood House, Nr Leeds	27/28/29th July 2007

#### Venison & Bean Casserole

11b dried black eyed beans (or tinned beans)

2pts cold water (to cook beans in)

11b sausages (venison or pork)

1 tablespoon cooking oil

2 large onions finely chopped

2 garlic cloves crushed

2lb venison cut into cubes

1/2 teaspoon dried savoury

1 bay leaf

1/4 teaspoon dried marjoram

4 large tomatoes blanched peeled and chopped (or a tin of plum tomatoes)

6 floz stock or red wine

Seasoning

If using dried beans soak overnight. Bring water to the boil, add beans and cook for 1½ hours or until tender. Drain.

Preheat oven 300°F, mark 2, 150°C (or use a slow cooker)
Cook sausages until evenly brown drain on kitchen paper and set aside.

Cook onions and garlic in oil until soft (not brown) remove onions put aside.

Add venison cubes to the pan and brown, transfer to a casserole dish or slow cooker. Add onions, savoury, bay leaf, marjoram, tomatoes, stock/wine, season and cover the casserole. Cook for approx 2 hours. Take casserole out of the oven add beans, cut up sausages into chunks add to the casserole. Add more stock if needed, return to oven stirring occasionally, cook for 1 hour or more until tender.

This months recipe by courtesy of Gina Canham

## **Discover Dogs**

Discover Dogs at Earls Court this November was sponsored by Royal Canin who very generously presented lots of goodies to those people who manned the stands for their breed clubs. The Kennel Club allow £20 per breed club per day for travelling expenses and provide lunch vouchers for the volunteers.

If you would like to help with Discover Dogs at Earls Court or at Cruft's in March, your help would be very much appreciated.

Help is also needed with the CLA Game Fair, this year at Harwood House near Leeds in July. There are no travelling expenses paid at the Game Fair but some vouchers are provided for lunch. It is a good day out if there are enough volunteers to man the stand for half a day each, leaving a half day to look around the show ground. We are usually allowed 2 car park passes and 4 tickets for each day.

# Your next Newsletter will be in the Spring of 2007

To ensure you receive your Newsletter on time please send all materials, articles and pictures of your dogs to be included to:

Eileen Winser, Pointers, Wistow, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE28 2QH

# Before the end of February 2007

Any articles or letters received after this date will be included in the Autumn 2007 issue

The editor reserves the right not to publish any articles or letters submitted

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