

SOUTH HANTS HEARING DOGS ***For Deaf People***

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Richard Herrington and HD Dillon - Branch Organiser



Hello and welcome to the April addition of E-Newsletter.

Now the clocks have gone forward and we have an extra hour of daylight at the end of the day, most of us will be getting out and about more with our pooches, enjoying the sights and smells of spring, in our gardens and the countryside!!

A word of caution though!!

According to all the local vets, Lungworm is very prevalent in our area and if our pooches get it can prove fatal!!!

Lungworm “*Angiostrongylus vasorum*” is spread by foxes, slugs and snails and if your dog eats or swallows one of these common garden visitors (the slugs or snails, not the foxes!!!) there is a risk it could become infected. Also toys left in the garden overnight, can become infected by the slugs/snails walking over them. Signs of infection include; 1) Breathing problems or coughing, tiring more easily, 2) Poor blood clotting leading to excessive bleeding from minor wounds, nose bleeds, bleeding into the eye, and anaemia (paleness around the eyes and gums), 3) Behavioural changes, seizures (fits), spinal pain, weight loss, loss of appetite, vomiting and diarrhoea.

“Dillon” being an inquisitive Spaniel is particularly at risk because of his breed, but all our dogs are at risk. With our Hearing Dogs, all of us regularly worm and treat with Frontline for ticks, mites etc., but this does not protect against Lungworm. The only treatment and prevention is to treat monthly with Advocate (in place of worm and Frontline treatment, as it includes these), available on prescription from your vet. Unfortunately this is not covered by Hearing Dogs on their treatment program (but is heavily indorsed by them!!), so comes at a cost to the recipient, currently for me £104 per year, for 12 monthly treatments. I was advised to change to Advocate by the welfare dept. and have done so at cost to me, so Dillon is covered and protected.

Please talk to your PI or Welfare officer/Vet, with a view to changing to Advocate and protect and wipe out this horrible illness which can kill our dogs.

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Awareness Day at Adelaide Health Centre, Southampton

SHHD spend few hours at Adelaide Centre to raise awareness.



ASDA, Chandlers Ford



What a busy day at the store, Saturday 29th March with Mothering Sunday weekend, where customers buying flowers and chocolates, as well as the foods shopping. The customers had made the time to stop and chat with us and our HD dogs & puppies.

We raised amazing £550 this year.



Future events

Monday 5th May
Nursling & Rownhams Fete

Sunday 11th May
Salisbury Council Dog Show

Sunday 25th May
Portsmouth Spinnaker
Abseiling Day

Sunday 15th June
Bursledon Brickworks Country Fair

Saturday 21st June
Paws for Walk & BBQ

Please contact Kim Harbut
bagpuss09smiley@yahoo.co.uk



1st Hedge End Guides

Following a talk in September by Lyndon (accompanied by Rocko), 1st Hedge End Guides and Brownies decided to raise money for Hearing Dogs..

They did this mainly by having a bag packing day at the nearby supermarket.

By February they had raised the fantastic sum of £450! This was in addition to the original £50 donation : £500 in all.

They have chosen to sponsor HD puppy Aslan, and in March Lyndon and Cathy took Aslan to meet them and to present a certificate. They will be able to follow Aslan as he progresses through his training as a thank you for their support.

Dianne and Lyndon Hatfield



Bella and Rocko relax after grooming session.

Socialiser News



"Congratulations to Rusty and Steph Moore for achieving their Kennel club bronze award. Out of seven puppies, Rusty was the youngest and the only one of the group to pass all elements. Very well done!"

Picture shows Mandy presenting the certificate. I love the fact that Rusty has his paw on it. best wishes Dianne

Botley Coffee Morning Photos

I am asking if anyone have any old photos of the Botley Coffee Morning as this year is 20 year old. I would like to put up display board of old photos over the past years. The older the better and sure some of you have changes!

Please either post or give to me on the day. Please mark your name and the year at the back of the photos and photos will return back to you.

Contact Kim Harbut - bagpuss09smiley@yahoo.co.uk

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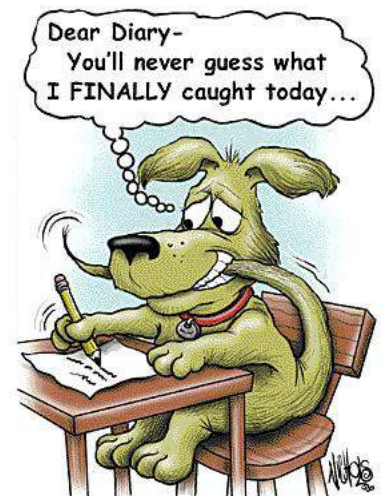
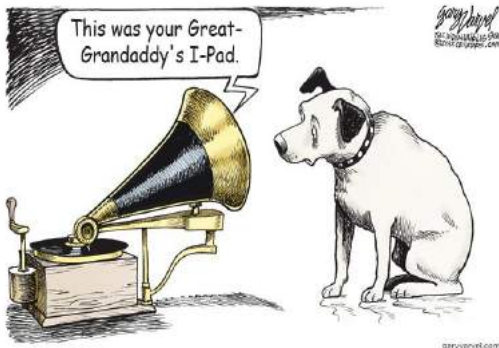
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HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

But remember **NOT** to give chocolate to your dogs/puppies.



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