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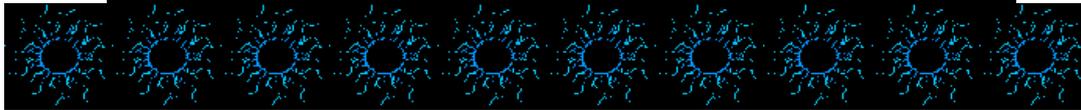
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Editorial

Hot weather and euphoric! Bells peal, guns thunder and we know who will lead the British for eighty more years! Meanwhile the dogs are sweltering in fur coats and the need is to keep them cool. Best advice in the house is to open the windows in the evening and early morning when the air is cooler and keep your dog in the coolest room. If outside during the day make sure there is shade available and plenty of water. In a kennel life gets more complicated. A hosepipe kept running through an open door can help or a sprinkler onto a roof. Make sure every dog has a shady place to sit and that they all have plenty of water at all times – check several times a day, as necessary. When it rains again, as it will, it may still be stifflingly muggy, and dogs will still need shade and lots of water. Bitches with pups need to be kept cool too – indoors a fan can help, outside make sure their kennel is the shadiest and coolest you have. Do not take dogs for a run in the heat of the day and never leave them in a hot car – fatal. Cooling dog coats can be purchased on the Internet if desired.

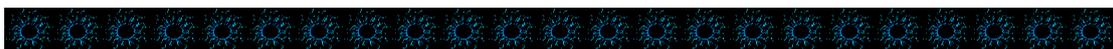
Committee News

A recent query about changing pedigree names, something the Association discourages generally because the pedigree name frequently reflects both lineage and provenance, has led to a discussion about the inclusion of the Sire and Dam's JC number on all pedigrees so that even if a name has been changed the dog is still traceable on the database from the number (they will also be traceable on the Register since original pedigree names are recorded there). Generally the Committee thinks this is a good idea and it is likely to be implemented before the end of the year.

Registrations, both of litters and individual dogs, can now be paid for through Paypal – put jenny@aylestonebulldog.com in on Paypal to do this and email the Association or mark the registration forms with the information that Paypal has been used.

The webmaster's daughter was christened in July. She gets on very well with their Aylestone, Sir Tigerous, who sleeps at the top of the stairs outside her bedroom. The webmaster is currently fixing the webpage – which has crashed. Apologies.

The President's cat, Duchess Tabithabelle, had one kitten born on 22nd July! He has been provisionally (in case he turns out to be she!) called Prince of Cambridge!

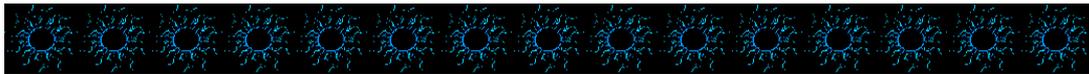


Completed and Projected Matings

It is hoped to mate C-Jay Cassidy with The Jasmine Duchess Georgiana. Lady Medusa of Aylestone has been mated with Brosza's Boy of Aylestone and the pups are due in August. We have not heard of the result of the mating between Swannington Blythe Lady at Aylestone and Aylestone's Vincent van Gogh.

New Pup News

Anthony Lord had pups with Beltane Chase MacKenzie of Aylestone and Aylestone's Oona Jonquil of the Sylphs in April and all are now homed. Natalie Menzies has pups with Lilley's Lady Pimpernel of Aylestone and C-Jay Cassidy at Aylestone. Sharon Dunraven has pups with Whitebelle of Sandtoft by Aylestone and Custer's Victorious Boy of Aylestone. Jim Clarke has pups with Bright White Zinnia at Aylestone and C-Jay Cassidy at Aylestone. Anthony Lee sadly only had one pup with Sunshine's Rattlesnake of Aylestone and Sunshine's Chia of Aylestone – Sunshine's Betsy of Aylestone has been homed. P. Trotter also had pups from Sunshine's Warrior with A. Bedazzled Endora. David Caton has one of his pups still available out of Glorious Robert's Marianne of Aylestone and Beltane Chase MacKenzie of Aylestone. All these pups that are still available can be found on the Aylestone Owners' Facebook page. Missed at Easter: K and A Dilkes pups with Buda's Bella and Brosza's Boy and K. Payne's with Charlie's White Diamond and Brosza's Boy.



Deaths

We have been sad to learn of the deaths of the following dogs: Mr and Mrs Slatter's Aylestone's Youthful Chatterbox, very suddenly; Sharon Bradford's Aylestone's Lucky Nick aka Havoc, and Aylestone's Indicator Roboticon, who was eleven and a son of A. Royal Wyoming and Bullseye. Also sadly missed are Officious Ottoman, Dizzy, William Morley's dog A. White Rose, whose name appears in many pedigrees, for she was a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and Nell, Snowbell in Exile, another grandmother, belonging to Mandy Connor. They all hunt in the fields of Elysium.



Health and Behaviour

1. Feeding puppies – getting the balance right

The main thing is not to overfeed as this can result in potentially serious, and sometimes fatal, gastro enteritis. A good start is a small meal, perhaps cooked, cooled tripe mixed with a puppy milk or goats' milk. Give this twice or three times a day, for two to three days. Dry food can then be introduced. Allow 50g per puppy per day of most dried feeds for the first feeds, and soak the dry food in hot water until it is very soft, almost mashable (but do not mash it). Gradually increase the amount so that by 8 weeks the pups are on about 200g per day each, divided between at least two meals, and always having been soaked until mushy with hot water and then cooled. As the puppies are homed remember to reduce the overall amount of food given to the litter – forgetting to do so can make the pups ill from over-feeding. Watch out at all times for

diarrhoea in the pups and reduce the diet if it looks as if it is caused by over-eating. If feeding other foods, scrambled eggs is popular as a first food and some breeders give fish, obey the same rules – be careful of amounts given, make sure everything is properly cooked and reduce food to the group as the litter is homed.

2. Coping with the death of your dog

The death of a dog can be traumatic and is certainly significant – he or she was one of the family, may have been there for many years and been a constant companion. The owner may have nursed the pet through long illness, or the death may have been sudden, an illness suddenly diagnosed, an accident. How your dog died affects how you grieve for it. Sudden or unexpected death is a great blow and the reaction is likely to be fierce.

Grief tends to follow a pattern that includes denial, anger and guilt – a person may find themselves going over and over the circumstances of the death, imagining different scenarios that had a different, happier outcome – then depression may descend, but finally acceptance will come. Such acceptance takes time. Do not try to hurry this process nor be pushed into feeling that grief for your dog is inappropriate because it was 'only a dog' or 'only a pet'. Many people do not understand the feelings that loss of your dog produce. After all, it is not a human that has died – only a dog. But to you an important person is no longer there.

It may help to hold a funeral, either a quiet one in your own garden or a more public event in a cemetery for pets. Either way, the grief process is helped by the ceremony, the words you say, the memories you invoke. Other ways to help grief are to compile a photo album, write a life-history or a poem about your dog – which can act as a permanent memorial for you and it.

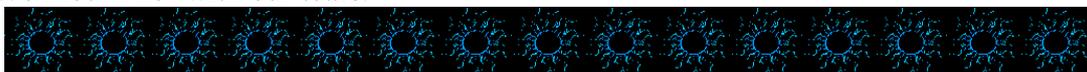
You might also like to talk to other people who have lost a much-loved pet. Some vets keep a Book of Remembrance or have a display of special pictures in memory of pets that have died. Writing for this, or taking in a photo to be displayed will also help.

Remember, your other dogs, or other pets, will feel the loss too. Spend more time with them, playing or exercising. This too will help the grief.

Some people like to have another dog almost immediately. This is fine too. You are not showing disrespect or lack of love for your dog that died, but showing how much his or her company was valued. A new dog or puppy will fill the empty spaces. Try not to choose a new dog too like the one you have lost, though, because you will constantly compare the new with the old, to the detriment of the new. This is because you will only remember the good things, the happy things about your lost dog – not how he weed on the best sofa at 10 weeks, nor how he chewed the telephone wire too, just like the new one!

She's Gone!

She was our darling dear,
She was beyond compare.
She gave us joy for many a year
But now, our hearts full of care,
We mourn her with our tears.



Email News

Although sad to hear of the death of A.Lucky Nick we were pleased to hear that Sharon Bradford still has Aylestone's Royal Humbug, aka Boudicea, who is now eleven and still going strong. She is the daughter of Royal Wyoming and Bullseye.

Meet the Aylestones

Spring of Towersy at Aylestone, aka Tyne, owned by Joanne Rogers and bred by Graham Gasgoyne, born March 2004. She doesn't like travelling much – makes her stressed – but is now nine and doing well.



Pups from Bright Zinnia at Aylestone and C-Jay Cassidy. A. And Carry On Regardless Lad! (Karry On), A. Princess Julietta. (Kandy), A. The Lady Kay (Kay), and last but not least A. White Kaspar (Kaspar). Carry On and Julietta have now gone to their forever homes.

Endpiece

As usual, newsletters come by email. Ring 0116 2442313 or write to 541 Aylestone Road, Leicester, LE2 8TD for one by Royal Mail.

Note: Apologies for late pedigrees and registrations. The computer crashed and the data base disappeared for about ten days. It has only just been recovered.