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Happy Easter to all our members. Our good wishes to all members
celebrating Pesach, Vaisakhi, or Holi

Editorial

A mildish winter has turned into a changeable spring. It is particularly important to look after young puppies carefully when the weather changes unpredictably. Very small pups with their mother need a constant temperature, for the first two to three days at about 85F/20C, gradually reducing down to 70F. Use a room thermometer at floor level to check the temperature frequently. Watch out for mum eating the thermometer – or burying it in a corner!

Committee News

Jim and Jenny have retired from breeding. Jim has glaucoma and cataracts and a bad back (remnants from an attack by a cow many years ago) so it seems time. They will continue to give advice and produce the Newsletter, and record and issue pedigrees and registrations. The website will now be used to publicise Aylestone studs and dams looking for a stud dog, advertise Aylestone pups, give advice (of course) and publish the Breed Standard, and also bring older dogs in need of rescue to the notice of other Aylestone owners. Email Jenny at jamesisaylestonebulldogs@outlook.com or phone 0116 2442313, to put dogs on the stud or dam list, advertise pups or flag up an adult in need of a new home.

Other News

Mandy Connor, who bred Aylestones in Doncaster, has also retired from breeding after the sad loss of Stella (Bam Bam Aylestone's Beauty).

Health and Behaviour

'Tis the season of chocolate, hot cross buns and Simnel cake. These



are bad for dogs! Pet shops sell carob Easter eggs if you wish

to give your dog one! These delicious Hot Cross Buns



and cream

cakes
fruit



are also bad! So is Simnel cake



with its

and marzipan! Not doggie treats: a bad stomach ache waiting to happen!



Poem for Easter



The Roman Hound

There were no dogs at Calvary,
At least I've never seen a picture with one in it.
But I was there.
The sergeant's wolfhound.
And oft I'd saved his father's flocks
Round Roman Cornovium.
I felt sympathy for all three men.
Well, I could smell the fear –
 at least on two of them.
The third felt no fear at all.
And there was something in him
 made me want to follow all my life
 and to the end of time.
I nuzzled him.
Someone slapped me down –
 well, Jews think all dogs unclean
 and I was a Roman hound.
But he put out his hand and stroked me,

Said, 'good dog' and went on his way to that rocky hill.
Then I remembered.
I was a pup.
A trader came, a rich merchant, to the house
Buying wool and tin with gold,
His nephew with him. Sampling our British wine.
My dam was in the hall with all her whelp.
I tumbled out under the men's great feet.
He saved me then,
 lifting me, 'good boy', and placed me in the nest,
Then turned and spoke,
 'That's a bold dog,'
He said.
My master looked,
 'I had thought to drown him
 at the next new moon,
The runt of that fine pack.'
My friend shook his head.
'He is the boldest of the bunch.
I'd not do that.
He'll save your life one day.'
There was something in the words, more than the words,
If you scent my drift.
My master looked again, 'Well,' he said,
'He is a wiry pup, and as you say,
Most bold. I'll keep him.
I need a dog for when I join the Roman camp.
Wolf hunting, you understand. A good dog's gold.'
(I saved him on the hunt when, wolf at bay,
He lay in blood. He named me for that day
His Luck.)

The man looked at me again as they lifted up the cross.
'With me in paradise,' he said.
It was not the thief alone he spoke to.
I will be there.

New Pup News

Eight pups were born to Madam Medusa and C-Jay Cassidy, and Bosonica Nerina had two, both boys, also with C-Jay Cassidy.

Enpiece

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