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Editorial

Well, we waited long enough for the summer! But wet weather causes its own problems, and we don't know for sure when the sun will disappear again. Dogs may get very wet and muddy on walks! A dry towelling is often all that is necessary, but if you bath your dog make sure he/she has somewhere warm to dry after you have towelled off most of the water.

Now it is dry, the hot weather advice kicks in. Dogs wear fur coats so do not want to be taken for a walk in the heat of the day. Try early morning or late evening instead. Never leave a dog in a hot car – or indeed in a car out of the shade even on a dull day, in case it becomes hot. Always leave out plenty of water for your dog to drink and if they are outside in the sun make sure there is shelter available where they can go and cool off, and have a drink.

Committee News

The webmaster, James Bhatt, has a new daughter, born on Friday 13th. Sharon Pike's dog, Thai of Saffron, has been recognised by the committee as being the full Aylestone Bellaa Bar Tok. More below on this exciting story.



Health and Behaviour

1. Mating

Mating should take place naturally with flirting behaviour – pouncing about and sniffing urine (!) and with the bitch flicking her tail. The fertile days are 11 to 14. Unfortunately the dogs have not read the book so it is worth introducing the happy pair on the ninth day and continue until the fourteenth day.

Do not leave the mating pair alone. The bitch can corkscrew on the dog and wreck him – he will never mate again if this happens. Be there to hold the bitch on a lead and be ready to hold her up under her stomach. You may need two people for this.

If an assisted mating is needed because of height differences (Standard dog to Royal bitch, for example) then you will need four people. One holds the bitch's head by her collar, and needs to be sitting down. Two hold the bitch up under the abdomen. One works the dog, that is inserts him into the bitch and keeps him there – Vaseline and a pair of rubber gloves are useful for this!

2. Whelping pack

These are useful things to have:

Diaralyte for re-hydrating puppies. Lactol, Welpi or goats' milk and either syringes or puppy nursers in case of the need to supplementary feed the pups. Glucose for the bitch. Tripe to feed her with to tempt her appetite. A heat lamp or fire. A room thermometer (temperature needs to be 85F or 20C for the first three days). Heavy, steady food and water bowls. A box with blanket and hot water bottle or heat pad for the pups during the birth. The cost of a caesarian if it is needed (most unlikely, but see below for symptoms) – about £600. Alert your vet to the bitch's pregnancy.

3. Signs for a Caesarian

If the bitch has been straining and trying to push, whilst contracting for more than two hours then a vet must be consulted and a caesarian may be needed, although most vets will try oxytocin first, to get a bitch 'started'. If a bitch has the symptoms of eclampsia, which are sudden dropping of the belly combined with appearance of very well-defined ribs, several days without eating and constant drinking, a caesarian will almost certainly be needed. Eclampsia is very rare and is most unlikely to affect your bitch.

A caesarian may also be necessary if there is greenish discharge and no pups appearing.

Lastly, if anything appears wrong or distressing to your bitch during whelping you will need to consult a vet.

4. Biting Feet

Puppies sometimes do this, as a game. It is good practice to stop it firmly, either by putting the pup out of the room, with a firm 'No!' or trying the rolled up newspaper trick - hitting your own leg with this so that it makes a loud and startling noise. What seems charming in a pup is not at all nice in an 80lb dog! Obedience classes can help with this sort of behaviour as well.



New pup news

W. Morley's Duchess Marley had six pups with The Red Pimpernel, J. Faulkner's Maria's Lady Ava had pups with Bonny Clyde, Bousie's That Jade Destiny had two pups with Millwood Mischief, A. Lord's Oona Jonquil of the Sylphs had seven pups with Jetstream's Legend, A. Eke's The Gunner's Sally Ann and The Red Pimpernel had four pups and M. Hudson's Blinding Beauty and Caestha Daye had nine.

Matings

C. Green's Nancy's Pretty Duchess and Hardie's Arnoldo Domino were mated in mid July.



A tale of mystery

This story starts with a theft. At the beginning of 2007 four of W. Morley's pups with A. White Rose were stolen and sold. There was no way of tracing them, the only clue being that they had probably been sold in north Leicester. Nothing more was heard of the pups and all hope of discovering where they had gone was given up.

The story goes on with a purchase. Early in 2009 S. Pike was looking for a stud Aylestone. She found a white dog with red patches in Leicester and was told he was an Aylestone and that he had his pedigree – which would be sent on (we advise people never to buy a dog under these circumstances!). The pedigree never arrived and so Thai of Saffron, as he was known, sired pups as an unknown old time bulldog. But he looked familiar. He reminded several people of the Lady Yaw Paw line and particularly of her daughters A. White Rose and A. Waterside Wanderer. But nothing could be discovered until W. Morley brought Duchess

Marley to be mated in 2011, when he was shown a picture of Thai, and agreed he looked like White Rose. However, he did not have time to go and see Thai that day.

Towards the end of 2011 W. Morley was able to view Thai when he came to discuss Marley's pups. On seeing Thai W. Morley immediately said that he was one of the stolen pups born in November 2006, with distinctive markings. A check on the register of pups showed that the only one of the pups which matched Thai was Bellaa Bar Tok. The committee needed to consider what to do. Finally at the beginning of 2012 it was decided that the breeder's decision was final. W. Morley recognised Thai as the white and red pup he had had stolen and that pup was Bellaa Bar Tok. The committee therefore decided to recognise Thai of Saffron as Bellaa Bar Tok of Aylestone and register his pups with Lady Noir of Aylestone as Aylestones themselves. So far two pups have been recognised: Thaibull of Aylestone and Rustling Red Rusty of Aylestone. The secretary can be contacted by owners of pups from Thai and Lady Noir in order for them to go on the Aylestone Register as well as the Old Tyme Register, if they wish it.

A humorous verse about the games.

Olympic Sprint

or

My Aylestone Ate the Torch

Run! Run! Run!
It's too hot to run.
Run to the water,
Run to the grass,
Run to the track,
Run to the field.
The race is run.
Follow the Olympic torch.
Torch?
That's a torch?
I thought it was a chewy bone,
D'you think he can still run with it?
No matter –
They'll get another one.
And maybe I'll get my money back on Ebay,
Or at least sell the photo to the Daily Mail!

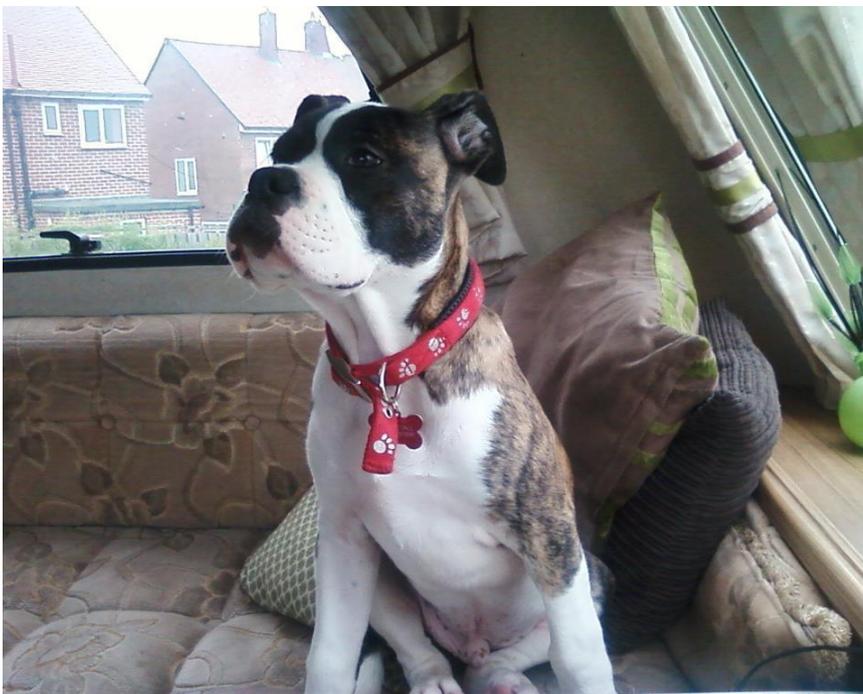
Meet the Aylestones and Email News

Smut and Skywalker (A. Lighter of the Silver Lamps and Daring Skywalker of Aylestone)



Hi Jenny,
Just thought I would let you know how well General Smut has settled in. He gets on wonderfully with Skywalker, he has a

wonderful personality, what a joy it is to own two Aylestones. It's wonderful walking them both on the park, they love leaping through the long grass and I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw Smut run for the



first time, he's like a greyhound. They get so much attention off people when there out being walked, they're amazing off lead on fields and they are great with other dogs - Smut is so soft and submissive. Andy Swift.

Kyzer

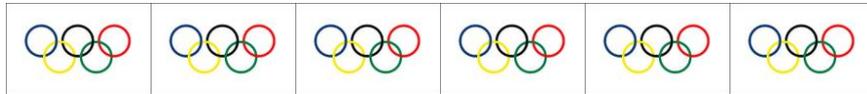
Kyzer is one of the Hudson pups. He is Tsar Kyzer the Spirit of Aylestone and is a

very nice pup born in March. He belongs to Amy Thomason.



Toby
(Bountiful
Bandit Tribe
of Aylestone).
He is a lovely
boy but is in
need of a new
home due to
no fault of his.
He has been
castrated, is
lead and
house trained,
raised with
children and
obedient. He
is also very

affectionate. He is fully vaccinated and was twelve months at the end of June. Email jenny@aylestonebulldog.com for more information.



Endpiece

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