



# BARE BONES

**MCGSDA Derby Branch**

**September 2012**

Training 3pm at Elvaston Castle, Golden Gates off Station Road B5010. (Follow signs for Cricket Club)

## Ray's a WINNER!



KCAI Presentations

Following on from his success in gaining K.C.A.I. Status in Obedience Training, Ray has now also successfully gained accreditation in Working Trials and is now fully Kennel Club Accredited.

At last, formal recognition of his successes in training both dogs and their handlers over a life time of service in The Armed Forces, the Police Force and the Prison Service. We are very lucky that we have Ray working with us to raise the standard of dog handling and training in MCGSA.

## Max's Story

In July of 2011 I met Nick and Leanne; my new owners. At that time I was very under weight and had very few of the essential social skills to be a successful member of my new pack. I could sense the concerns of my new owners and this was not helped by my being unable to relate to other dogs because of my nervousness. Outsiders from the family said that I was aggressive when I tried to make friends in my awkward fashion.

My owners tried all sorts of things to try and help me overcome this "nervous aggression" including a personal trainer. After a few months the situation had improved a bit but we all knew that things were not quite right and Nick and Leanne became resigned to just coping with the situation. Then another human who had a German Shepherd Dog suggested that they could try this organisation called Midland Counties German Shepherd Dog Association that trained at Elvaston. It seemed that his dog had had similar problems and they had helped him tremendously, we were all so pleased that I could perhaps be helped after all.

In January 2012 Nick and Leanne took me to this new group where the people were so kind and understanding.....willing to give me a chance! This has helped a lot and Nick and Leanne have learned how to cope better and my new canine friends have also given me a lot of help too. The Instructors at the Group have been very helpful and supportive.....and veeerrry patient!

These humans at MCGSDA Derby said that they were organising something called a social walk and would we like to come to the next one in February. Well we all meet at the Harrington Arms, go for a walk through the Castle Grounds and along the side of the river before heading back to have a well-earned rest and some sustenance at the pub before we go our separate ways. All of my new friend, both canine and human are prepared to let me get used to things and are very welcoming, which has allowed me to be a member of an extended pack and learn etiquette from other dogs. I have now improved greatly and no longer lunge at all and sundry, although I'm still have some slip-ups and I'm still the noisiest dog in the car-park.

I have also been taken to a place called Hlland Village to do something called Agility. That is great fun; I really enjoy being there as it is something very different from anything that I have experienced before. I get to explore tunnels, jump through hoops and over small jumps, weaving is difficult even with my slim figure and I have even tried the big pieces of kit.....Funny thing is that a lot of my doggies mates from Elvaston are there and we get to play off the lead before the agility starts.

I have really enjoyed the last nine months but unfortunately I've missed a walk and a training session because I've done something silly to my leg.

I'm still a bit uncomfortable in the Hall after training but I'm getting there!!



FUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> July 2012

The weather was very kind to us this year and we had a larger than usual turnout. We catered for 80 people for food and drinks a third more than usual and very little was left at the end of the day. Once again Terry's and Gill's son-in-law provided the culinary skills to ensure that we all got fed and not poisoned! Everyone had a good time and the winners of the competitions organised by the Instructors were:-

Agility Competition	Senior	Phil & Kady
	Junior	Kyle & Charlie
Sausage Competition		Leane, Nick & Max
Egg & Spoon		Gaynor & Taz
Dog Most Like Owner		John & Laska
Simon Says		Eileen & Tyler
Welly Throwing	Ladies	Gaynor
	Men	Darren
Sit Competition		Terry & Hamish

The monies raised enabled us to contribute a total of £560 to German Shepherd Rescue.

## MCGSDA RESCUE

As many of you are aware the Midland Counties German Shepherd Dog rescue organisation is based at **North Lodge, Kings Corner, Derby DE21 4RG** and is run by Margaret Stevenson and her merry band of helpers since Margaret's husband Larry passed away earlier this year. Margaret has many years' experience in rescuing animals and especially German Shepherds and has a number of dogs available for adoption... you'll have to convince Margaret that you deserve one of her dogs first though. Margaret and her helpers held their annual Summer Fayre on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August at the kennels at Kings Corner. Despite some cars having to be helped out of the parking area due to the very poor weather with lots of rain that we experienced this summer; the weather on the day was relatively kind and the event was well attended, especially in the morning, and over £4,000 was raised to help support the dogs in her care.

Once again we will be collecting donations of food during December to take up to Kings Corner to ensure that Santa arrives to give the dogs a good Christmas and we urge you to support us in this.

Margaret is always looking for more help, if you wish to contact Margaret to offer help, make a donation or to give a home to one of her dogs could you please contact her at Midland Counties German Shepherd Dogs Rescue, North Lodge, Kings Corner, Derby DE21 4RG or call her on 01332671746

## SANDRA'S LIVER CAKE FOR DOGS

### INGREDIENTS

8 oz.(275grms) Ox Liver roughly chopped  
6 Rounded tablespoons wholemeal flour  
4 tablespoons milk  
1 egg (including the shell)  
1 teaspoon Garlic Powder (or 3-4 cloves of fresh garlic)

### METHOD

Using a food processor, or blender, put the roughly chopped liver in to blend and add the milk and the whole egg. Next add the flour a tablespoon at a time and finally the garlic or garlic powder. Continue to process the mix until smooth and custard-like.

Pour into a shallow, parchment-lined Swiss-roll type tin. Allow to stand and then bang sharply on the work-surface to allow air-bubbles to surface.

Bake at Gas Mark 4, 180°C/350°F for about 15-20 minutes. Baking at too high a temperature will form a crust that lifts (dogs will still eat this though).

Lift out on the parchment and allow to cool.

Cut into cubes

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