



BARE BONES

MCGSDA Derby Branch

April 2012

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

Ray's just champion!



Ray Jones (Class4 Trainer) recently attended the prestigious Crufts Dog Show to receive his Certificate as a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer.

In achieving this accolade, Ray has become one of only 60 such accredited trainers in the UK. Not only is this a monumental

achievement for Ray but it will benefit the Club by moving, not just the Derby Branch but also the whole Association up the 'league table' of training organisations in the area.

Ray has many, many years experience in training dogs, not only in civilian life but also in her Majesty's Armed Forces and the Police force.

With this vast wealth of knowledge that Ray has amassed over the years, there is not much that you can teach Ray about training dogs and their

handlers.

Ray is not just interested in obedience training but also field and working trials. Over the many years that Ray has been training dogs, he has won countless trophies, medallions and rosettes in a wide variety of competitions. He has also received several commendations from Chief Officers of Police for his work, done with his dogs, in apprehending criminals.

He currently runs the K.C. Good Citizens Programme for the Derby Branch and has already taken a number

of our members through to the Gold Award. He is now working with 5 more dogs, and their owners to achieve the Silver qualification. This is something that Ray has introduced to the Association at the Derby Branch and it has proved quite popular with our members.

If you experience and difficulties in training your dog, Ray can always be found in the hall after training along with the other Class Trainers, who will also be pleased to discuss your challenges.

Easter Bonnet Competition



On Easter Sunday we again ran our Easter Bonnet Competition . This is the first of the 'fun events' that we have for dogs and owners with the Summer Fun Day and Barbeque approaching in July.

Although Easter is traditionally a quiet time for us, with many families being on holiday, we had 5 very well presented entries this year.

Dolly, assisted by Trish Godfrey won. Dolly is a GSD that Trish rescued and has really come on under Trish's loving care and patience. Laska a white GSD, also rescue dog came second ,aided by John Brennan her owner.

Merlot with Jackie, Woody with Dave and Lottie with Hilary made up the 5 entrants.

Agility Training

We have for many years run Agility Classes during the summer months. Last year we ran these at Moss Cottage, Hulland Village .

This proved a great success, both dogs and owners relishing the country air and the ability to relax in this secure environment, kindly supplied by Jeff & Dena.

This year we are again holding the classes at Moss Cottage commencing on Tuesday 24th April at 7 pm, both MCGSDA Members and non-members are welcome.

Although dogs under the age of 12 months will not be able to take part in some aspects of the training as their soft bones will not cope well. They are, however, welcome for the socialisation that the training paddock provides and will be able to take part in the sections not involving jumps.

**For information about whether Agility is on or not due to weather contact Jeff and Dena on:-
01335 372162.**

Meet the other trainers

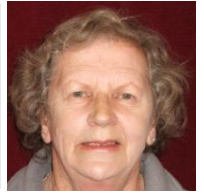


Dot Brown.

Dot takes care of our newest and youngest canine friends and their human partners. She has many years of experience with GSD's and will support new owners and their charges as they get to grips with the basics whilst being away from the larger dogs.

Gill Ing

Gill runs Class 1. Here the handler learn the basics of how to manage and train our canine friends. Gill has trained owners and dogs for many years and can be relied upon to give gentle yet firm guidance, guiding both dogs and handlers into class 2.



Dena Skellern

Dena has over twenty years' experience of breeding and training dogs. A long time member of the association, including both obedience and agility display teams. She has taken her current dog, Guinness, through to Class 4 and is now one of our respected trainers. Dena runs class 2 and also helps run the agility class.

Paul Bickerton

Paul has successfully passed through all stages with his dog Isaac to reach Class 4. He has now become one of our more recent additions to the Training Team and can be seen coaching the handlers in class 3 on a Sunday afternoon, when his busy schedule permits.



Jeff Skellern

Jeff is the other recent recruit to our Training Team. He has many year's experienced of breeding and handling dogs, although not always German Shepherd Dogs, He has brought his own dog, Jass, up through to class 4. He is now starting to train in Working Trials competitions with Jass.

For further information, about M.C.G.S.D. Derby Branch please contact **Gill & Terry Ing on 01332558716** or **John & Jackie Butler on 01773 880645.**

By contributing a third of our training fees we support **Midland Counties German Shepherd Dogs Rescue, North Lodge, Kings Corner. Derby DE21 4RG.**



Just 4 Dogs is a canine rescue organisation that helps all breeds including GSD's. For further details contact:-

Tel: 01335 361 363

or <http://www.justfordogs.org/index.php>

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Jeff & Dena Skellern 01335 372162

Diary Dates

Tuesday 24th April	Agility Starts, all welcome
Saturday 5th May	Social Walk
Saturday 9th June	Social Walk
Saturday 7th July	Social Walk
Sunday 22nd July	FUN DAY & BARBEQUE
Saturday 4th August	Social Walk
Sunday 16th Sept	Companion dog show