



# *Spirit of the Dog*

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## **NEWSLETTER-JAN.09.**

WELCOME TO OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER OF 2009. A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. LET US ALL HOPE THAT THE CREDIT CRUNCH IS OVER SOON AND WE CAN ALL LOOK FORWARD TO EASIER TIMES.

## **FUNDRAISING.**

Even though the winter months are quieter for our fund-raising, we did manage to raise over £125.00 at the Frinton Late Night Shopping and once again we thank Kathy of RK Sports Shop in Connaught Avenue for the use of her shop front.

Special Thanks to Central Essex Dog Training Society for raising £200.00 for our Rehabilitation centre. Jane gave an excellent talk to the group about the charity in October last year.. She would like to thank the helpers (Jean, Trev, Sarah-Jane & Mal) who assisted by way of selling merchandise and being positive advocates for the charity. We also enrolled some volunteers to assist with our fund-raising and this was a most welcome outcome from the talk and we will be calling on them as and when we need them. Following on from this Jane and Claudine have been asked to compile a seminar for the trainers at this club and they are in the process of completing this.

We still never say no to items to sell (even though my home does look a bit like Steptoe & Son) so if you have any items that will help us raise money then please let me know (Mal- 07933 792714). It will all be used for a very worthwhile cause.

A reminder that we are still collecting old mobile phones and ink/jets (not EPSON) as they are a source of income for us.

A new appeal for any unwanted foreign coins/notes, we will be able to convert this to funds also. You can always bring any of the above to Beaumont Village Hall on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

## **ALL ABOUT DOGS.**

Unfortunately 'All About Dogs' is not being held this year and probably not for the foreseeable future. The organisers have been told by the Local Council that the criteria has to change and they feel it is now no longer a viable proposition. This was the largest outside dog event in the country so this is a sad piece of news for all dog lovers who attended the event. Plus we are losing a valuable fund-raising and public awareness opportunity for our charity.



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## **FUTURE EVENTS.**

SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Table Top Sale-Beaumont Cum Moze Village Hall.

10am - 4pm (access to sellers 9am)

Tables £5.00 each- ring Mal 09733 792714 to book.

Books/Bric a Brac/Merchandise/New Items/Paintings etc.

Refreshments available.

If anyone can help, especially at the end of the day then please ring Mal. Any help will be much appreciated.

SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY.

We have been invited by Danaher Animal Home, Wethersfield to their fun day being held at Blackmore End Village Hall, nr. Braintree. We hope to run a Tombola and sell merchandise and maybe do a small dog display. Once again if anyone is free and would like to help us please let Mal know.

SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY (TO BE CONFIRMED)

Hawks Farm, Weeley. Large car boot site. (To be confirmed)

We hope to have our annual Fun day/Companion dog show on this day. The venue is much easier to find with plenty of parking. We are waiting confirmation at time of writing. Loads of help will be needed! Anyone free? Please give Mal a ring.

## **REHOMING.**

Through the Spirit, Jane and Claudine have managed to re-home a 14 week old (unwanted gift) Spaniel x Pointer to a loving new family.

Good news but dog ownership must be carefully considered and certainly not purchased on a whim.

## **DOG WELFARE - MY OPINION.**

### **BY MAL WOOLGER.**

I was so pleased to read that the Kennel Club are changing the Breed Standard for the English Bull Terrier to alleviate the health problems discovered. This I hope will just be the beginning. It will take a number of years before real improvements are forthcoming. I sincerely hope that all the other breeds that are currently suffering due to the Kennel Club standards are revised and amended. It is interesting to know that Pedigree Foods have withdrawn their sponsorship of Crufts and the BBC are in talks with the Kennel Club and may not be broadcasting Crufts this year.

Mal Woolger 17/1/09.