

CYMRICHTAS Y CORGWEN CEREDIGION CYMREIG
80th MEWYDDIMNT

The greeting was in Welsh meaning CARDIGAN WELSH CORGI ASSOCIATION 80th ANNIVERSARY. The welcome in Welsh CROESO and so enthusiasts from many parts of the world gathered at the Quality Hotel located just outside the village of Allesley, near Coventry for a welcoming start to the Association's special two day show which commenced 23 September 2006.

Some overseas enthusiasts arrived on Thursday in the early afternoon and as the month of September has been recorded as the warmest on record in England, the pleasant place to sit was on the terrace of the hotel in the sunlight surrounded by beautiful floral hanging baskets, sharing a drink and talking about the Cardigan Welsh Corgi.

The next day, Friday, 22 English and several European exhibitors started to arrive with their dogs and congregate in the hotel lobby where a welcome committee gave each visitor and exhibitor a name badge which identified the person, the kennel name and country of origin and each was also given a presentation pack, containing many really useful items which had the logo of the club imprinted. The Committee requested that the name badge be worn at all times except when showing dogs in the ring and with visitors from many parts of the world, the badges were invaluable. Later that night a buffet meal with a complimentary glass of wine was provided by the club.

Saturday 23 was the actual day of the show with an entry of 119 Cardis. The venue was quite some distance away from the hotel, held in a Sports Hall at Ryton which provided ample room for a good sized ring, seating for spectators as well as a large grooming area for the dogs. Judging started at 10.30am with Jonathon Kimes (USA) starting with the dog Special Veteran Class 7 – 10 years. Aust GrCh Bethwyn Black Baron (Arthur) was exhibited and awarded second place. The winner was Eng/Nor Ch Tamlin King Solomon, 17 months younger, and third was Ch Antoc Double-O-Seven for Salvenik.

The stewards were very proficient and judging progressed at a steady pace with DCC awarded to a young red brindle dog Kerman Strike Up The Band shown by English breeder/exhibitor Fran Fricker, giving him his third CC and his title. RCC was the well known Danish bred UK/Multi Ch Blondie's Noble Man owned by Susanne Conradsen of Denmark, shown by his breeder Kim Neilsen of Denmark.



Kerman Strike Up The Band



Am Ch Joseter Ardbeg Malt



UK /Multi Ch. Blondie's Noble Man



Gowerston Jazz Singer for Pemcader

Puppy Dog was Arthur's son Gowerston Jazz Singer for Pemcader, a brindle point tri and one of the few non brindle class winners.

Bitches provided the larger entry with the CC being Am Ch Joseter Ardbeg Malt owned and bred by English exhibitor Peter Clifton, RCC was the European bred Ch Yardican Diamond Drop owned by Meri Tuuli Aalto. The Puppy Bitch winner was Gowerston Jaylo, another Arthur daughter.

The tension mounted as the two CC winners competed for BIS and it was a very exciting moment for Fran Fricker when Strike Up The Band was chosen. Noble Man was RUBIS, Ardbeg Malt was Opposite Sex I.S. Puppy I.S. went to Jazz Singer and the bitch Ch Joseter Cardhu was awarded Best Veteran In Show.

The Australian connection through GrCh Bethwyn Music Man (Arthur) demonstrated, what a great stud dog he is with nine of his offspring being placed and more puppies sired by him destined to grace the ring in coming months. He will be returning to Australia before the end of the year and will be very much missed by his English hosts.

It was a truly wonderful weekend which culminated on Sunday with a Parade of Champions and CC Winners. This was a really spectacular event with each participant presented with a souvenir certificate and medal handed to them by Jonathon Kimes. The presentation of these Cardis was made more interesting by the commentator who pronounced the Welsh names with lilt and correct enunciation which was quite enchanting to hear.

Many overseas visitors were present, some from Europe with dogs for exhibition and some without. To mention a few, Kim Neilsen of Denmark with his partner Liz Moller, breeders of Noble Man. This multi titled dog must be one of the most successful Cardigans ever to grace the ring in England.

Another well known Danish visitor was Lisa Taanquist of Avonaire prefix. From Switzerland a welcome and regular visitor was Anita Nordlunde and her husband Jens.

Visitors from America included judges Helen Jones and husband Robert Caldwell (Kennebec), Steve Gladstone Director of the AKC and his wife Marieann as well as Charlie MacInnes (Finnshavn) from Ontario, Canada.

Australia was represented by myself and Julie Morris of Dorwyn prefix. Flags of the 19 countries around the world where the Cardigan Welsh Corgi is represented were placed round the show ring and emblazoned on the welcome notice, all literature and dinner place mats.

Although not numerous the breed appears to be in good hands in whichever country it is to be found.

Jean Georgiou, Rhossili Cardigan Welsh Corgis

PAWS FOR DIABETICS

How many have heard of a diabetic assistance dog? I must admit I hadn't until recently. There have only been 6 trained up until now. Debbie Goodwin from Camira, Qld first brought this to my attention with her Tenterfield Terrier "Rex" (Aust Ch Pintupi My Lord Rex JD)



Debbie Goodwin and Rex

Paws For Diabetics say these dogs are the latest tool in diabetes management, as they give their owners warning well in advance of an impending hypoglycaemic episode, allowing for prompt treatment to avert the episode from happening. A hypoglycaemic attack left untreated can lead to coma and even death, so these dogs are real life-savers. Diabetic Alert dogs will increase the independence, safety and mobility of the diabetic person, providing them with a higher confidence to go out in the general public on their own without the need to rely on family or friends to accompany them, putting an end to the isolation often faced when one is afraid to go out for fear of having a hypoglycaemic episode.

Dogs are placed free of charge by PFD to those who meet the criteria, and recipients are given extensive training on handling and caring for an assistance dog. Training these dogs is an expensive exercise, and they rely on donations to fund it. More info at <http://www.pfd.org.au/>

Debbie first realised Rex was alerting her to the fact that she had diabetes (or rather her sugar was too high) quite a while ago now, when Rex would wake her up in the middle of the night scratching at

her shoulders and licking her face. When that didn't work he would try and get his tongue down her throat, and just would not go away until she was awake, well that would get anyone's attention real quick.

Debbie has had diabetes for only about 2 years, and is still working a few things out. So to start with, all the scratching and licking Debbie just thought Rex wanted to go outside so off they would go outside, and by this time he had woken up the other dogs and then they would want to go out as well

It took a few more episodes at some ungodly hour in the morning to realise what was going on. So the day of the Pet Expo in Brisbane, Debbie decided to put Rex to the test. Debbie says she was a bit naughty and had forgotten to take her tablets in the morning as she rushed out the door. To top this off she had greasy fish and chips for lunch and didn't behave herself at all. Well that night Rex went crazy, scratching and licking. So from that day on things changed, she does behave herself and takes her tablets regularly, well most of the time anyway. About a month ago when trying to get home from a holiday before lunch and to an agility trial at 2.30 the same day, Debbie being a bit rushed forgot to take her tablets that morning and with all the rushing around, hadn't had breakfast by 1.00pm and still no tablets.



Aust Ch Pintupi My Lord Rex JD

By the time Debbie had gotten to the trial, set up the gazebo and sat down for a well earned, and much needed cup of coffee. Rex was sitting on her lap trying to lick her face off.

Debbie's girlfriend couldn't get over what he was trying to do. Until told about the day's events of no food, no tablets, and how he goes about telling her when her sugar is high.

Debbie says "I now listen to what my best friend tells me, as he knows well before me, but I do make sure I'm on my best behaviour most of the time. I do love my cuddles but when it comes

to those kisses, well that is another story."

His last assessment was done about 3 weeks ago by Lorraine Ryldon, from Paws For Diabetics where Rex is now a fully trained Diabetic Alert Assistance Dog, he is the first Tenterfield Terrier to get through the program and only the 6th alerting dog in Australia.

Debbie said when she first phoned up about the programme, she was told they really didn't want Terriers but she was not about to change her breed, so they said they would give him a go. Well he must have made an impression, as there is now another Tenterfield

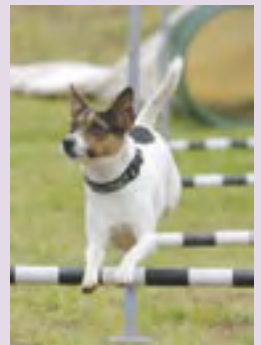
Terrier called "Gus" owned by Adam Beaman in NSW that is showing signs of alerting for his owner also, and is in the programme.

Apart from the fact that Rex could someday save Debbie's life, he also has time out to play. He has achieved since March this year his Jumping Dog title which he gained at Darwin Royal in July, he also has 1 leg up for Agility, and is also competing in obedience. Hopefully he will gain his CCD title early next year. Debbie and Rex also do earth dog trials, and is just starting to play around with freestyle to music. Deb says "I figure my husband doesn't like dancing so maybe I might be in luck with the other man in my life."

Debbie also has a second Tenterfield Terrier named "Maddy" Pintupi My Lady Madalyn which is only 18 points of gaining her Championship title. Her career as an agility dog didn't start on a recent Saturday afternoon as planned, as it poured with rain, so she will have to wait until November now.

I asked Debbie if there was anything she would like to add to this article and she said she would like to take the opportunity to thank Daphne Charlesworth of Pintupi Tenterfield Terriers in Central Qld for breeding such wonderful friends. They may only be little in size but are very loyal companions.

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Pintupi My Lady Madalyn

