

Ahoj!

In this edition of Ahoj! I wanted to try and show you all what has been going on since our last edition but to also touch on some more personal notes. This includes why we chose our Affix, stories about our Cesky Terriers and talks with a successful ex-junior handler! We may be a small breed but we are significant in many ways!! If you have any ideas/ suggestions for our next edition please email them to me.

I hope you enjoy our first 2018 edition!

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Championship show Judges of 2018

Crufts – Mrs W Tobijanski

National Terrier– Mr D Burrage

Birmingham National – Mr P Wilkinson

Scottish Kennel Club – Mrs J Miller

Cesky Terrier Club Show – Mrs Ann Kennedy

Welsh Kennel Club – Mr Tom Mather

Darlington – Mr Bill Browne-Cole

Seminar 2017

The club held a breed seminar and assessment day at Corley Village Hall, near Coventry on October 15. Colin Richardson gave the seminar with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and a willing live model! This included the breed's history and its breed-specific traits as well as an in-depth explanation of the breed standard. Colin had spent a great deal of time producing a booklet for candidates to digest prior to the seminar which was well received.

After a lunch of soup and sandwiches which received much praise from all who attended – thanks to Phyllis Taylor and Linda Burrage for their efforts – three examples of the breed were available for people to 'go over' informally.

Next up was the breed assessment and 12 candidates took up the challenge. For those unfamiliar with breed assessments it's worth explaining how they work. This one was run along Kennel Club guidelines with 5 examples of the breed being 'judged' in a mock class with a critique being written, explaining the merits and demerits and the dogs placed first to fifth. The candidates each have time to put their hands on the 5 dogs and write down their findings. After all dogs have been assessed on the table they are then moved once with all candidates viewing movement together and then individually. Once candidates have seen the dogs move they have time to write a critique for

each of the dogs and then decide how they would place them if it was a class.

Three assessors – on this occasion Jane Withers, Sue McCourt and Paul Eardley – also ‘judge’ the 5 dogs and agree on an acceptable order for placing them. As judging is subjective there is no definitively right order and so long as candidates can justify their placings in the critiques then the assessors will ‘pass’ a candidate. All candidates receive a number and this is used to identify them to the assessors. The list on candidate names and their respective numbers is held by the seminar organiser who is not an assessor to ensure all is fair and transparent.

Thanks to those who supplied dogs and handled them for the assessment – we had a mix of ages and examples to make the task as realistic as possible.



Once critiques and placings are submitted the three assessors sit down and go through them to determine which candidates have passed based on their placings and critiques. As I said, the candidate’s placings may not necessarily concur with those of the assessors but as long as decisions are justified this can result in a pass.

The feedback forms on the quality of the day that were completed were encouraging with mostly ‘excellent’ ratings.

Details of future seminars will be advertised once they are available. With the Kennel Club introducing the Judges Competency Framework in 2019 there will be more emphasis on educating judges and the Cesky

Terrier Club will be working towards this with the organisation of Breed Appreciation Days, multiple choice exams and mentoring sessions.

Adrian Marett

The story behind Jersey Challenge Cerificates

The Jersey Dog Club was formed in March 1888. In 2004 the decision was taken to change the name to The Kennel Club of Jersey(KCJ) & become a Kennel Club in our own right. In 2005 we held our first Championship shows. The KCJ holds three

Championship shows per year where Jersey CCs & RCCs are on offer, these are in March/April- the Winter Champ, June is the Spring Champ & July/August is the Summer Champ. To win a Jersey CC you have to win a Group whilst the RCC is on offer for Group 2. As on

the mainland you have to win 3 CCs under three different judges to become a Champion. It is not an easy title to gain, since 2005 only 38 Champions have been made up. Jersey Ch Gayteckels Highflyer is the only Cesky Terrier to date to gain Jersey Champion Status although Lastarean Grace And Favour for Gayteckels, Pd’H&Idefix Day Break at Gayteckels are both sitting on two tickets each at the moment. As the Kennel Club of Jersey has a reciprocal agreement with the UK Kennel Club our CCs count when entering mainland shows, therefore if my dog has a Jersey CC it would have to enter a limit class. If U.K. or overseas dogs want to compete in Jersey they have to

register with the Kennel Club of Jersey.

Give a dog a Genome update

As you already know, we selected a Cesky Terrier with Scottie Cramp to be whole genome sequenced as part of Give a Dog a Genome (GDG). The sequencing has now been completed by the external laboratory and the data has been made available for us to download.

What happens next?

The amount of data generated for each sample is enormous, around 80-90 Gb. To put that into perspective, data from only 10 dogs will fill up the average modern personal computer, and the processing of the data will use the full capacity of the computer for months. As a result, it takes time (about 1 week) and a great deal of computing power to download and process the data so that it is ready for analysis. Once we have completed this stage the Cesky Terrier Scottie Cramp data will be ready for further analysis.

The data will be added to the genome bank, and will begin contributing to studies in other breeds immediately. In addition, the data will be made available to other scientists for use in their own studies, and your breed has therefore made a vital contribution to genetic research affecting the welfare of dogs worldwide.

As Prof Hannes Lohi from the University of Helsinki is already working on Cesky Terrier with Scottie Cramp, we feel that the best use of the

data is to share it with Prof Lohi to add to their existing data. Analysis of the data to attempt to identify any variants that contribute to Scottie Cramp in Cesky Terrier will therefore not be conducted by the GDG team at the AHT. However, we do expect that Prof Lohi will inform us of any relevant findings, which we would then pass on to you.

You will continue to receive any general GDG updates, but apart from that we will contact you only if there is something specific to the Cesky Terrier to report. If you don't hear from us, it means that Prof Lohi's team are still in the analysis stage and have not found anything of significance.

I would once again like to thank you and the breed community for participating in Give a Dog a Genome.

I am still keeping the health database updated, so if you have sadly lost a Cesky or had any health problems I would appreciate you sending me the information including the dogs details and cause of death with as much information as possible.

I am of course available to help any Cesky people with any health issues, please feel free to email or ring me.

Wendy Tobijanski

Life Stories

Hi, I'm Radley, a 1 year old Cesky Terrier.

I live with my human family (Mum, Dad and sister Megan), Heidi (a schnauzer) and Oscar (a grumpy old

cat). I'm the youngest in the family and my Dad lets me get away with murder. Mum's a bit stricter though, but I'm still training her.

In October, I was invited to go to Discover Dogs with some of my relatives (Dad-Wally, sister-Coco and half-sister-Portia) and some other gorgeous dogs to be on the Cesky stand.

We had to go to a big place called The ExCel in London. When I got out the car this big thing flew over my head, it wasn't a bird - I like to chase them - Mum said it was an aeroplane because we were near something called City Airport. All I know was it was very noisy and I didn't like it.

Anyway, I spent all day being stroked and having my ears rubbed, it was lovely. My Mum chatted to all the other humans because they kept asking questions about me and the other dogs. I think my Mum loved talking about me and she was very proud when people said how much they liked me. I was a really good boy and didn't bark or get cross once but boy was I exhausted by the end of the day and slept all the way home. Although when I got home I still had energy to play with Heidi whilst Mum was trying to relax in front of the TV. I was told I was a natural and am therefore going to Discover Dogs at Crufts this year too.

We are lucky because we get to spend a lot of time walking in the Peak District, and I love walking. We have just come back from another weekend there and we went on a fab walk from Matlock to Darley Dale along the Derwent River, across fields (I'm a good boy



and come back as soon as Mum calls me so I'm allowed off the lead when there are no sheep around) and ended up in a lovely pub. It was a great pub because there were lots of other dogs there, nearly as many as there were humans. Heidi and I sat very patiently, using our special puppy eye look and it paid off as we were given some treats whilst they ate lunch. It works every time, see I told you I was training them well! After a drink of water from the lovely lady in the pub and a little snooze in front of the fire I was ready for my walk back to Matlock, which was just as fun as the way there. I was rather muddy once we arrived home so I was made to have a bath and a brush - it's so unfair.

I hope you've enjoyed reading a little bit about my life.

Love Radley - aged 1 year, 3 months.

A Cesky 'Tail'

I had a phone call off a lady looking for a Cesky, after a long conversation I invited her and her daughter to meet Rou, a young Cesky who I thought would fit into their lives well. Within minutes of meeting them Rou jumped on Phoebe's knee and just sat there, quite content and relaxed, there she stayed while we talked for a while. This is quiet unusual for any Cesky when meeting new people but Rou especially as she is a lively, bouncy girl. That was the beginning of a beautiful friendship. Never have I seen a dog and girl more suited, it was a mutual love at first sight I think! So much so, I invited Phoebe to write something for us. – **Wendy**

Tobijanski

Hi my name is Phoebe and I am 14 years old. I have Cerebral Palsy and Autism and I am going to tell you about my dog. I first met a Cesky at Crufts, she was called Palma and she was so lovely. It was love at first sight! From then on we have wanted to give a Cesky a home. I first heard about my dog on the Cesky Terrier Club website about a Cesky who was two years old and been retired early. When we went to see her she really connected with me. It was meant to be and we were allowed to keep her!! I love the Cesky Terrier because of their size and temperament. My dog has a great outlook on life without being too

bouncy although, she has been known to climb on the table and wherever else she can climb!! She is a bit wary of unknown people and dogs, but she soon comes

around. Cesky Terriers are great fun to live with, with an overwhelming cuteness about them. They can do a wide range of activities and will do anything you want them to with a help of a treat! I hope to do agility, the Kennel Club Good Citizens award and rally. They can be quite stubborn, especially when there is food around which can work with or against you! My dog constantly wants to play with our other dog. He is a Cocker Spaniel with long ears, which she loves biting.

She also has an obsession with collecting plums and pears.

She has fitted into the family seamlessly and is great friends with our other dog and anybody else she takes a fancy to. She has improved my life just by



being there and seeing her little face every day. I am becoming more patient and more organised through training and caring for her. Grooming her helps me with my coordination and fine motor skills. I would recommend the breed a lot but I hope they will not get over popular. They are happy with however much exercise you can give them, but they can do anything and go anywhere and love to use their brains to solve puzzles. They are an all-round family pet.

Memorial for Pam Burnett

When Maria contacted me to write something on Pam Burnett I didn't feel qualified enough! I enlisted the help of Fiona Whitehead, Chairperson of the

Kennel Club of Jersey whose mother, Sue Whitehead, became a partner with Pam to breed Cocker Spaniels under the "Burnhead" affix. Although I was aware of Pam and Sue,

our paths didn't cross. I worked for one veterinary practice and they patronised another! With Fiona's help I hope you enjoy this tribute to one of the 'old school' dog ladies, who had a mountain of knowledge, which she was happy to share with everyone, an eye for a dog and who dumbfounded me at KCJ Championship Show by saying that a Cocker in the ring at the time was a "Bitcon" dog. She was able to state this quite categorically just by its looks and was proven correct!

Pam and her family moved to Jersey from Africa in the early '60s. In Africa she had had a number of different breeds as companions ranging from a Bulldog to Cocker "Treetops" interspersed with a Rhodesian

Ridgeback x Bull Terrier and a Boxer. On arriving in Jersey she bred and exhibited her Cockers under the "Kohima" affix and became involved in the Jersey Dog Club, serving on the Committee and then as Treasurer. She was a founder of the Junior Section of the Club along with her fellow Cocker enthusiast, Joan Iredale and in addition to the show world she was a founder member of the Dog Obedience Training Club in Jersey.

Over her long-life span 97! Pam has been involved with dairy cattle - Jerseys (no less!) and Ayrshires during the war years and also drove a milk cart to deliver milk, cream, bread, eggs, jam and margarine to residents of Richmond.

In Africa she worked in a vineyard, a tobacco farm and a maize farm, and set up her own landscape gardening business. She gave up working on her 80th birthday as a veterinary receptionist when the practice decided to network. She had written her own version of how to use a computer entitled 'Noddy's Guide' and felt that net working was beyond her.

I first made contact with Pam through the late Diana Abbott who also had Cesky Terriers. Pam had telephoned Di to say that she had acquired a Cesky Terrier from Sheila Atter "Ridley" by the name of "Ridley Zazrak" aka Zazz. I was with Di at the time and as Di repeated the name of Zazz I said "that's the sire of my 'Ridley Javor'" aka Ces. Di immediately handed the phone to me to and so a friendship was born through our mutual affection for Cesky Terriers. I've known Pam and Brenda for about 18 years and it was nice to catch up with Pam at shows and I always valued her opinion of my dogs. She

shared a birthday with my beloved "LastareanKral of Zidout" aka Taj!

During her lifetime, she has had 31 dogs and I dread to think whether Rainbow Bridge will support them all as they cross over it together, never again to be separated!

The Cesky Terrier Club will be sending a donation to one of her 4 charities. The Funeral will be taking place on 14th February and Linda Burrage, Jane Withers, Richard and Phyllis Taylor will be attending.

Christine Marett

Pam's cremation, was held on February 14th and it was needless to say very 'doggy orientated'! She had chosen two pieces of music to be played *The Carpenters* singing ON TOP OF THE WORLD (her sense of humour coming to the front!) and she came in on that. The second piece of music was chosen by myself and a very good friend, *Cat Stevens* singing I LOVE MY DOG AS MUCH AS I LOVE YOU (this was during what they call 'Music for Reflection') and finally the Recessional Music was her second choice 633 SQUADRON played by Ron Goodwin and His Orchestra.

Brenda Burnett.

Reasons behind Affix

Sametova

In searching for an appropriate Kennel Name for our Cesky Terriers, we decided to adopt something that reflected the Czech origin of the breed. Having read much of what was written about the breed, it appeared to be the case that Cesky Terriers were seldom permitted to leave Czechoslovakia until the fall of the Iron Curtain. In Czechoslovakia this event was colloquially referred to as Sametova

Revoluce or Velvet Revolution. Coupled with which one of the common comments from people stroking the dogs is that their coat is so smooth, just like velvet. We, therefore, decided to adopt Sametova as our Kennel name.
David Burrage

My affix is Komidion, first used on giant Schnauzers, then Miniature Schnauzers and finally the Cesky Terriers for the last 25 years. I'd like to have a romantic interesting reason for choosing the name. When filling out the K.C. form we cut down our choices and needed one more, I was reading a Richard Adams book and Komidion was the hero. The Kennel Club rejected the first names we had listed and Komidion was ours from 1979 onwards.

Sue Fewings

Starting young

Throughout my junior handling career I was lucky enough to be able to handle a huge variety of breeds from Alaskan Malamutes to Japanese Chins. My most successful handling breed was with our Cesky Terrier (CassencarrieCzeck Me Out Sh.Cm). Although to a lot of people Balthy looked like an easy dog to handle, he really wasn't!! From a young age I have been lucky enough to qualify and consistently be placed in the Junior Handling Semi Finals. In 2006 I won 6-11 year Terrier age group under Gina Dorkins. I was only 11 years old and was put through to the finals at Discover Dogs which was held in London in October 2004! Initially there was 14 handlers (2



from each group) and we were all judged by John Thirwell, who later shortlisted us down to only



6! I was lucky enough to get shorted and later was told I was the youngest handler to be shortlisted!! We were the first Cesky handling team to get this far. After the shortlist was made, we were given swap dogs which we had to handle (the breed was Weimaraner). Once the swap dog judging was over we had to get our own dogs again before placings were given. I was lucky enough to be placed 3rd in such a huge event and with such a rare breed! Since the finals, Balthy and I continued our great team together winning many handling classes, qualifying for the YKC handling at Crufts and even in the breed ring! – **Tiernyn Clark**

Best of Breed Biscuits

Ingredients:

- 230g flour
- 85g rolled oats
- 1 tablespoon of dried parsley
- 53g dried milk
- 2 eggs
- 270g peanut butter
- 130g cold water

Method:

Preheat the oven to 300 F/160C Lightly grease a couple of baking sheets, or line them with parchment.

Mix together the flour, oats, parsley, dried milk, and salt. Add the eggs and peanut butter, stirring to combine; the mixture will be crumbly.

Add enough water to bring the dough together; depending on the season, you may need to add a bit more (winter), or a bit less (summer).

To make the biscuits using a dog-bone cutter, roll the dough about 1/4" thick, and cut with a 3 1/2" cutter (or the size of your choice). Gather and re-roll the scraps and continue to cut biscuits until you've used all the dough.

To make dog 'cookies', drop the dough in walnut-sized balls onto the prepared sheets. Flatten them to about 1/4".

Bake the biscuits about 40 to 60 minutes, baking the smaller biscuits for a shorter amount of time. When finished, the biscuits will be a dark golden brown and will be dry and crisp all the way through.

Remove the biscuits from the oven, and cool right on the pans.

Yield: 42 larger (3 1/2 " dog bone) biscuits, 60 smaller (round) biscuits.

Wendy Tobijanski

Competition time!!!

Who doesn't love a competition!? All you need to do is think of a caption of this photo and email it to me: cesky-maria@hotmail.com.

The winner will be announced in the next edition of Ahoj! and will receive a surprise gift!



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