



Autumn 2016 NEWSLETTER

Regular Newsletters are sent out by email, but we can tell that some members do not open these, so just to be sure we are producing some paper Newsletters. Please check your email inbox for digital Newsletters just in case they have gone in your spam folder. Welcome to all new members and greetings to you and your dogs. Existing members, if you have moved or changed email address, please let us know.

Last month was the first anniversary of the launch of the Bolognese Dog Club UK. The club has evolved to provide a plethora of breed specific information and up to date news and views. We currently have 78 paid up members and more in the pipeline. We have welcomed members from Denmark, The Netherlands, The Czech Republic, Italy, The Isle of Man, Jersey, Guernsey, England, Scotland and Wales!

The last year has been amazing and we would like to thank the members for their support. The website published 180 items in the blog and the Facebook page regularly gets over 1,000 people looking at posts in a week and some single posts have reached excess of 500 people around The World. We can tell from the website statistics that hundreds of people are reading the website. There have been 8 newsletters, a Companion Dog Show with 200 entries and a Bolognese Picnic. Many people have won prizes and our selection of merchandise is growing and selling.

We now have 6 committee members to help run the club and would love to hear from anybody else who would like to get involved. The vision of developing a community for Bolognese lovers and to provide easy accessible information on the breed has well and truly been achieved in just 12-months and we are excited about the future.

Our First Club Event

In May the club held its first EVENT in Chieveley, a Companion Show under KC licence. It was a dizzy day, so we run the show in the hall. It was a big hall, but so many people came, it was a bit squashed. We had 200 entries in pedigree classes and fun classes. Our judge Tony Bray was very professional, he went over all the dogs as if they were at the most important of shows. Our novelty judge Daphne Fielding was patient and just perfect for the roll. Thanks again to both judges. Luckily the hall had a veranda area with an awning, so after we



worked out how to use the awning we managed to spread onto the veranda. Some of the novelty classes were moved into the main ring as they warranted the space. Best Trick class was so cool, the dogs were amazing. The kids handing was great to watch as well as the Fancy Dress. It was so good to see all the smiles from the kids and the adults when they received their rosettes. We had rosettes to 5th place and goodie bags for the Havanese and Bolognese winners. We had a big raffle and the classes were sponsored so we were able to give £150.86 to our nominated charity The Cinnamon Trust.

Picnic in the Park



The first Bolognese Picnic was on Sunday 31st July in the lovely Hotham Park. The weather was perfect. Nine Bolognese came along, with most travelling quite a distance. It was great to see Bolognese in a casual environment, they played together, run loose chased balls, greeted the public in the park, it was really a sight to see. We put up a Bolognese Dog Club sign, so people were coming up to us and asking about the dogs. We played pass the parcel, had a raffle and a waggiest tail competition (which we

asked a passerby to judge) and the Bolognese showed off their tricks. I am sure we will be back in Hotham Park next year as everybody wants to do it again.

NEXT Social MEET UP 23rd October

The club is pleased to announce its second Bolognese Social MEET UP at Wharf Side Tea Rooms on Sunday the 23rd of October. We will meet in the cafe at 12.30 for lunch and then take the dogs for a walk in the surrounding area (weather permitting). The menu is very varied from home made soup and a roll, jacket potatoes, to a full meal including vegetarian options. We will organise some games and prizes to make a fun and memorable day out. All Bolognese enthusiasts will be welcomed, kindly call us on 01243 265378 to book a place. Quite few people have already confirmed.

Wharf Side Tea Rooms, Uphill, Weston-super Mare, Somerset BS23 3ND
The tea rooms are easily accessible from Junction 21 or junction 22 of the M5.
Approximately 10 – 15 minutes from either junction.



THE NEXT IN THE Q & A SERIES (*look on the website for grooming, exercise, allergies, health checks and white coats*)

QUESTION: How Easy are Bolognese Dogs to Train?

ANSWER: The Bolognese is an intelligent breed and can usually be relatively easily trained. Training treats can be used, from a young age, to reward good behaviour. Start by teaching your puppy to come when called. They will quickly learn key words and phrases and pick up on situations and your behaviour. Early socialisation is vital in rearing a well balanced and sociable dog. Your vet may hold puppy parties, which can really help contribute to a rounded upbringing and a happy dog.

Grooming is an important issue with the breed, so puppies **MUST** get used to being groomed. It is a good idea to groom a puppy every day from a young age until they get used to it. During grooming some areas of the body are less likely to be tolerated than others, such as the feet, under the tail and the groin area. It is vital to persist and cover these areas daily as the puppy will eventually get used to it. Use praise, encouragement and food treats to help dogs accept grooming and other procedures such as nail clipping, eye, ear and teeth cleaning.

Bad behaviour should be stopped by removing the puppy to a 'time out' place. If this is done consistently with good behaviour being praised and rewarded Bolognese do quickly learn what is required from them. You may find, as with other toy breeds, that your Bolognese suffers from separation anxiety. As they are so loyal, they do get attached to people and sometimes don't like to be separated. To avoid this happening,

it's a good idea to leave your puppy home alone for short periods from day one. Make sure the puppy is in a safe place when left and that he has toys and possibly a warm heat pad for comfort.

Bolognese can be trained easily to do tricks such as roll over, jump through hoops and use other agility apparatus. If given the opportunity a Bolognese is likely to really enjoy activities such as agility, obedience training and learning tricks.

Lead training

Gradually introduce your puppy to wearing a collar in the home and then introduce a lead for short periods. In a quiet place use treats or a favourite toy to encourage the puppy to walk beside you. When training your dog to walk on a lead never pull on the lead, encourage the puppy move in its own time.

When out on a walk, Bolognese are a breed that will usually come back when called. Toy dogs tend to be loyal and not interested too much in following a scent or ignoring you when you call them. However, they do like to make friends with other dogs and can run off to greet them. When walking your Bolognese, it is a good idea to look out and see what other dogs are in the area. If you are in doubt that the other dogs will be friendly and not boisterous with your Bolognese, put your dog on the lead. Bolognese can get easily spooked by other dogs especially as puppies.

Housetraining

Puppies naturally do not want to mess in their sleeping area and will automatically toilet outside, if given the chance to. After eating or when they first wake up, take a puppy outside and they will relieve themselves. Praise or treats can be used to re-enforce correct toileting.

In the car

Travelling in a car will not automatically come easy to any dog. The first few times a puppy will shake, whimper, be a little distressed and possibly vomit. It's a good idea not to feed your dog in the early stages before a car journey. As with leaving your dog home alone, car journeys need to be gradually introduced to avoid making a rod for your own back. Your dog must be restrained in the car and the best way is to use a small crate with bedding and a favourite toy. Build up the journeys gradually and after a few times things will be a whole lot better.

Ringcraft

For showing, it is vital to sign up for specialist training classes as this will teach you and your dog how to behave in the show ring and allow judges to examine your dog including his teeth. You would be extremely lucky to put a dog in the ring at 6-months with no ring craft training and have a good experience. If a dog is comfortable with the show environment, he will move freely and show himself off in the best possible way.

CLUB MERCHADISE

Here is a selection of merchandise available, with all profits going to The Bolognese Dog Club UK. There are several other designs of coasters in round and also square, as well as Spatulas and Wooden Spoons.

Custom made Wooden Boxes can be ordered with your dogs name on them. There are also other designs of Greeting Cards. Visit the website for more images or call 01243 265378.



We are delighted to offer members a 10% discount on the price of club merchandise. These are the prices before discounts, Bow Clips £1.20, Coasters (several designs available) £2.50, Greetings Cards £2.50, plus Spatulas & Wooden Spoons. The Bolognese Greetings cards are hand made by Glenys and the wooden items are all hand crafted as well. Please speak to Melanie or Chris at shows or social events about merchandise, or check the website for images, prices and postage and packing details.

MEMBERS NEWS



Isabella Mackrell qualifies for YKC (Young Kennel Club) final at Crufts 2017 in the YKC Stakes at Belfast Dog Show, aged just 7-years old



Charlotte and Athena's first time in the Show Ring supported by the ringside and after by the judge



European Dog Show Brussels, by Virginia Dowty
Four of us, Kathy Begg, Adam Davidson, Daphne Watson and Virginia Dowty travelled to Brussels to the European Dog Show which took place on the 26th – 28th August 2016 at the BRUSSELS EXPO in the heart of the city. The weather was extremely hot and humid but luckily the halls had air con. The show was very well organised, large rings and everything right on time. The judge Igor Vyuzov (Russia) was very kind to the dogs and clearly he had some big decisions to make as he took his time to make final line ups. The standard of exhibits, who came from all over Europe, especially Scandinavia was very high

though there was a notable absence of Italian exhibitors. A lot of dogs seemed to be trimmed, compared with ours, it seems the norm now in Europe which does put the GB dogs at some disadvantage. Trimming can emphasise or cover a lot of things. We were very proud that team GB did so well against stiff competition, which proves we are able to hold our own against the top dogs in Europe. The UK has the highest number of entries at Ch shows of Bolognese in Europe.

If you are able to venture on to the website at www.bolognesedogclubuk.co.uk you will find lots more information on the breed, TOP TIPS, competitions and posts from members.

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