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Dear Members,

We have to start by thanking all of you who contacted us following the last issue. The response was simply amazing and very heartening too, as we sometimes wonder if there is anyone out there! We had messages, phone calls and emails from all over the World, and your praise and compliments were appreciated. We heard not only from members, (thank you again), but more judges than usual, and from Russia (a strong gathering of Royal Family fans over there, and amongst them, a journalist who also asked for a copy of our magazine). From America we had a request from one of their commercial specialist breed magazines full of praise and requesting permission to reprint...and so it went on. So, to all our contributors (mud-larks, leading authorities on Royalty, antique specialists, poets, judges, photographers – all of you) and to our loyal advertisers - a sincere thank you. Please keep it up.

Thanks must go to Cath Watson for her help with the technical side of things. Cath refuses to be an official Bat Ears helper, but we certainly couldn't manage without her. Bat Ears takes up days of hard work – late nights and early mornings – for us all, and we are so grateful to her. We could use another helper – I say this every time, but please if there is anyone, literate and computer literate who would like to help, please contact us.

We had a pleasant AGM, and the usual interesting talk followed by a super buffet meal, and we now look forward to the year's three Club shows. Enjoy the company of your dogs.

With best wishes

Maureen Bootle for THE BAT EARS TEAM



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MISS LETA OGWEN-JONES

The news of the death of Leta Ogwen-Jones on March 11th 2015, so soon after her 103rd birthday, came as a great shock to all her friends. The longest standing member of the M&NCFBC (she joined in 1964) she became our President in 1977 (the first of three successive Welsh Presidents) and later our Patron. She was always cheerful and smiling, and was a kind and very generous President. Leta had a remarkable life outside of our breed. The narrative on the back cover of her book reads as follows:

Leta Jone's life has been an extraordinary one. Born into a Welsh Nonconformist family in the years preceding the Great War, she was educated at Cheltenham Ladies' College in the Twenties, a time of huge social upheaval; she took her entrance exam on the eve of the General Strike. Leta flung herself enthusiastically into the new burgeoning atmosphere of social reform, enrolling as a student at Liverpool University, where she became a committed early proponent of racial equality. Hospital and social work followed in the Thirties, in some of the most terribly deprived slums of Liverpool and the hidden corners of Westminster. But Leta's greatest challenges were to come at the end of the Second World War, when she was sent to Eastern Europe with UNRRA to offer relief to the dispossessed refugees of a shattered continent, many facing repatriation to Stalin's Russia and liquidation. Finally, she had to confront this bloody century's heart of darkness, when she entered the gates of the concentration camp at Dachau.

When she returned to her beloved Wales she continued with her social work until her retirement – assisted and accompanied, from 1960 onwards, by a French Bulldog. Her first, a brindle dog Macsen, came from the famous Millhouse kennel of Miss Gladys Loseby. He was a boy of great character and intelligence; not a show boy said Leta - he had a longish gay tail. Macsen was followed by Cariad – Lubbly Quelle Plaisir, a very lovely fawn bitch. She was mated to Togog Kopi and then to Tommyville Tweed Effect and produced some fabulous fawns who were to play an important part in the Tommyvilles, the foundation dogs of Roger Parker's Innsigns and the Puzzlewaites. With the Welsh prefix Brithmel, they were stars in their day. Leta kept Bronwen as company for Cariad and the two-some accompanied her to each and every M & N happening. Until she was no longer able to travel Leta missed very few of our events. After the death of her two fawn ladies she had several brindle 'rescues'. During her time as President she always helped swell club funds by donating many of her wonderful drawings, paintings,

cartoons and sculptures – all of Frenchies of course. They were sought after and treasured by members.



Leta with Ollie and Lucy, taken soon after her 100th birthday celebrations.

Leta had a wonderful 100th birthday party three years ago at her lovely Wrexham home. Over one hundred guests attended, including the Chief of Police, three MPs from the Welsh Parliament, a few vets and many other friends! The champagne flowed all day, and Leta had a wonderful time.

She kept in touch with a few club members, phoning me monthly and without fail, after every club show and when she received each Bat Ears. Her love for and interest in our breed never wavered.

What a wonderful life for this Welsh speaking child, growing up during WW1, learning English and always determined to work helping others. She travelled throughout Europe doing a job she relished, she wrote a book, she was an artist and sculptor, and recently she was honoured by the British & Foreign Bible Society – her ancestor Rev. Hughes being one of the founders. I know how pleased she was in her retirement to hear from or to meet children and grand-children of DPs and refugees she helped during WW2. Her great faith never wavered and she helped so many. Her love for our breed and her friendship will be remembered

always by those of us who were lucky enough to have known her. R.I.P. Leta. Maureen Bootle

Brithmel Puppies Born October 25th 1972



BRENIN, BRAN, BRIONE and BRONWEN, a self-whelped family at 10 weeks old.

WELFARE FUN, HEALTH & EDUCATION DAY JUNE 7th 11.00 am- 4.00 pm

Thanks to the kindness of The Bulldog Rescue & Rehoming Trust, FB Welfare is one of 3 registered charities to have a stand at Bulldog Welfare Annual Fun Day. Please join us for a great day out — all Bulldog friendly dogs are welcome. There will be Demonstrations, Fancy Dress, a Fun Dog Show, Competitions, Raffles, Tombola, BBQ, Home Made Cakes, Stalls selling dog related items, Drinks, Advice available on care, health and welfare, so a great opportunity for novices to learn about Bulldogs and Frenchies. This is a fabulous day out for all the family. A huge marquee is available if the weather is unkind. Items for the Frenchie Welfare Bring and Buy stall, or prizes for the Tombola very welcome.

Contact Mrs Irene Stansfield for more details - 01282 870901

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Mossport

Proudly introduce Ynnizin's Jean-Pierre Papin at Mossport Bred in Sweden by Kattis Karlberg d.o.b 17.04.14



At only 3 Ch. Shows attended Pierre was awarded

3rd Minor Puppy Dog BUBA - Carole Ash

1st Minor Puppy Dog & Best Puppy Dog Boston - Jackie Mavro

1st Puppy Dog & Best Puppy Dog Crufts - Graham Godfrey

Our little Swedish Prince is owned, loved and shown by David & Lorna Tilley

Midland & Northern Counties French Bulldog Club

Open show 30/11/14

Judge Dawn Law (Delaws)

It was a great pleasure to be invited by the committee to judge at the Midland and Northern Counties
French bulldog club show and for making my day a memorable one. And thank you for a lovely gift.
Temperaments were excellent, and it was lovely seeing so many healthy Frenchies I would also like to thank
the exhibitors for the for their entries which were of a high standard and courtesy they showed in accepting
my decisions I must also thank both stewards who kept the ring running so well.

MPD 5 (2A) 1st Howarth's Gizy Jo Rocky Marciano, 8mths Fawn short compact boy, with a nice square head correct dentition, dark well shaped eye giving a nice expression, lovely ear set, dark mask pleasing muzzle, good depth of chest gentle roach, showed and moved well 2nd Tilley's Yninizin's Jean-Pierre at Mossport (IMP SWE) 7mths Fawn baby, short compact body, still to mature, but shows promise. Good head with lovely dark eyes. Well placed ears and pleasing muzzle and mouth, developing front and ribcage, good tuck up and gentle roach. Moved well both ways.3rd Culbert's Rischale Claude Culbert PD 3 1st Pleasance's Hard Rock Anima Mea at Katakia 8mths Nicely marked pied He has a lovely symmetrical hood with the darkest of eyes giving a melting expression, square head, correct dentition, large upright bat ears placed correctly and used to his advantage He has a gentle roach and Lovely tight feet a shapely body and a good amount of bone, rib and substance, moved well. 2nd Morgan & Ling's Vaghnas Brigadeer at Tytorro 11mths Brindle lovely size, very nice masculine head, good reach of neck and shoulder placement, dark eye and lovely expression, correct dentition, and nice ear carriage, He has a gentle roach super tail, moved well 3rd Elsbergiene's Mirus Tangram Bolivar JD 4 1st Conway & Chapman's Norcairn Fabulous Frank 10 months fawn pied, and his name suits him excellent head shape with the right amount of padding for age, dark mask, eyes dark and expressive, super ear placement, compact boy who moved well both ways, I liked his body shape and with the right amount of substance, Correct roach, tight feet, overall a very nice youngster who I am sure will have a fabulous future.BPD, BPIS 2nd Pleasance's Hard Rock Anima Mea at Kataki 3rd Walton's Ismael D'iskandar at Ravendane (IMP FRA) YD 6 (2A) 1st Mavro-michaelis Shoebridge Cote St Jacques Fawn 15mths loved his head shape dark mask correct shape eye lovely expression well placed bat ears strong arched neck, good feet lovely body shape with plenty of substance good roach and depth of chest strong quarters moved well both ways 2nd Poulson's Patchdown Pilot 16mths fawn another lovely head shape, dark mask dark eye lovely expression & strong arched neck, well-placed bat ears. Good body shape with plenty of substance, good feet strong quarters moved well very little between 1st & 2nd | believe they are related 3rd Brown's Kuredeux Soul Rebel PGD 6 (2A) 1ST Mavro-michaelis Shoebridge Fitou 2yrs Dark brindle pleasing head, dark eye with a lovely expression well placed ears which he used well, strong arched neck and good shoulder placement gently roached topline good front and depth of chest strong quarters moved well 2nd Brown's Kuredeux Soul Rebel 14mths Brindle with a pleasing head dark eye and lovely expression correct ear carriage and strong neck good shoulder placement straight front and good depth of chest, Movement o k3rd Ellis Pringham Promises to Ellsberry MLD 6 (2A) 1ST Burton's Rischale Edward Bear avec Labanjo 2yrs Pleasing head lovely expression with dark mask, flat skull and well domed forehead. Lovely bat ears of correct shape and placement. Good muzzle and bite. Strong arched neck into well-placed shoulders and gently roached topline. Straight front well sprung ribs and good cut up. Moved well both ways 2nd Tilly's Mossport Michelangel 4yrs Brindle Pleasing well proportioned head, good muzzle dark expressive eye and well placed bat ears. Strong arched neck with gently roached back. Straight front and well-sprung ribs. Moved well in both directions. 3rd Bootle's Tommyville Twill Will LD (5) Morgan's Norcairn Dark n Debonair at Tytorro JW ShCM 2yrs Masculine head, good muzzle dark eye with melting expression correct dention, good ear placement strong neck well placed shoulders, Straight front, gentle roached topline well sprung ribs, Correct for bone and substance, liked him for size and shape. Excellent movement both ways, and as one with his handler, never took his eye of the ball. RBD 2nd Birks Harrowhill Sovereign Birique 3yrs Light brindle soundly constructed Good head with dark eyes pleasing expression, well placed bat ears, used and carried well. Short cobby body with gentle roach straight front with plenty of bone and substance. moved soundly 3rd Mayromichaelis Shoebridge Gaillac OD 3 (1A) 1st Conway & Chapman's Norcairn Gorgeous George 3yrs fawn with dark expressive eyes a good square head, with plenty of padding, good ear size and placement, good spring to his rib. He is well off for bone and has ample rear angulation, good feet, short back with just the right amount of roach, good spring of rib, sound movement coming and going, 2nd (TAF) Mini Boz Dragon 2vrs Fawn with dark mask, nice shaped dark eye, good ear placement gentle roach strong neck, moved ok VD 1st Swateridge's Ch Birique Xentique JW ShCM Have always loved this boy and to go over him was an opportunity I thank his owners for. Fawn 7.5yrs excellent masculine head, dark mask and correct shape dark eye, well-placed and carried ears, correct width of jaw, strong neck good shoulder placement, straight front lovely topline and well proportioned and soundly constructed. Moved soundly a male with quality. BD, VD & BVIS. Sp Open Pied Dog (4) 1ST Elsbergiene's LT Ch Busher Pljus Memory game of Frustyle 2.5yrs Hooded pied Good head shape with dark eye and melting expression, and well placed bat ears, strong neck and good shoulder placement, straight front, good depth of chest, very good spring of rib, short cobby body moved well, liked his style. 2nd Millar's Witherford Austin Sired by 1st 14mths A nice appealing hooded pied with a super expression, strong well balanced head, beautiful ears and black round eyes.. Correct length of back, straight front, good ribbing, cobby with plenty of bone. Just felt 1 had slightly better rear movement 3rd Cassidy's Frustyle Trend in Style for Chinaskys Sp open brindle dog 3 (2A) 1st Bryant's Risethor Tiger Tiger with Archness ShCM 5yrs small compact brindle dark eye good ear placement, straight front and good topline, nice feet and excellent rear movement but feel he needs a little more leg for balance Sp open Fawn dog (3) 1st Mayro-Michaelis's Shoebridge Bergerac 16mths fawn, Lovely head and eye, dark mask good ear placement gentle roach lovely tight feet, liked his size, excellent strong quarters & good movement. & tail 2nd (TAF) Mini Boz Dragon 3rd Eskrett's Ranacani Riddick Stoner

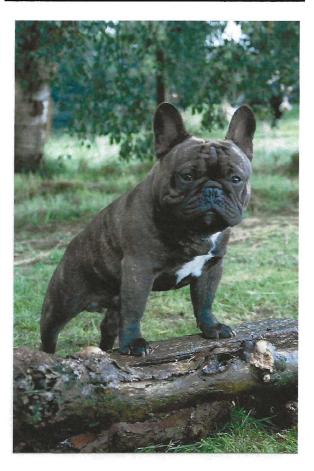
MPB 14 (7A) 1st Smith's Rischale Cordelia 6mths Brindle so feminine with just the sweetest expression dark melting eye, correct dentition good ear set short compact body good front, slight roach tight feet, Lovely balanced youngster, showed and moved very well 2nd Jenkins Gizyjo Fair Lady to Feniton Fawn 8mths another lovely puppy with good head and dark mask. Dark eye sweet expression, lovely ear set and used to advantage, Straight front, and gentle roach, good feet Good coat. Moved well 3rd Mavro-Michaelis's Kontessa V D Bullenparadijs with Shoebridge PB 8 (2A) 1st Smith's Rischale Cordelia winner of MPB 2nd Conway & Chapman's Norcairn Shear Delight 10mths Fawn, dark mask lovely dark eye short compact baby with correct square head good mouth with correct dentition and bite, correct bat ears which were nicely placed on top, straight front good body shape & movement 3rd Gavaghan & Hay Vaghna's Athena JB 11 (5A) 1st Gavaghan's Aurora Brindle 11mths lovely dark eye with sweetest expression, excellent head, nice cushioning good dentition correct ear carriage very good body shape deep chest good roach lovely bone & feet, moved well both ways, I think she will have a very good future; BPB 2nd Senior's Kingrock Maple Syrup with Theapaul Fawn 12mths feminine head with a black mask with beautiful dark almost black round eyes, she had a melting expression and, strong neck, good body shape that was compact and well put together with deep chest and good spring of ribs. This baby showed and moved well, another with a bright future 3rd Lockett's Patchdown Pixar YB 11 (4A) 1st Fryer Tigrine Alexis Lavigne 23mths Fawn lovely head shape, dark mask dark eye lovely expression & strong arched neck, well-placed bat ears. Straight front Good depth of chest enough roach liked her body shape, plenty of substance, moved well 2nd Mavro-Michaelis's Shoebridge Cote D'auxerre Fawn 15mths. Another compact girl of good size who has good bone, dark mask and eye, well set ears. She has enough reach of neck, and a gentle roach to her top line. She has good spring of rib and depth to chest. Well angulated behind and has lovely tight feet. Moved well 3rd Brown's Monalisa Van Marver's Fortuna at Kuredeu PGB 7 (3A) 1st Lockett's Devoue Break for Love at Caversmill Fawn 2.5yrs nice head shape, dark mask and dark well shaped eye strong neck, good shoulder placement straight front good feet, and spring of rib, gentle roach Showed and moved well 2nd Gergory's Rowendale Tarte Tatin brindle, compact bitch with dark eye and correct ear placement good neck and shoulders good depth of chest moved well 3rd Massey's Starlight Sasha at Chareve MLB 7 (2A) 1st Clubley's Frabull's Maggie Thatcher fawn 18mths such a lot to like with this girl dark mask lovely feminine expression from dark eyes,

correct square head and good dentition, straight front deep chest cobby with well sprung ribs and correct roach, strong pasterns which there was a lack of on the day, tight feet showed well and moved soundly both ways, a quality bitch who will go far I'm sure RBB RBIS 2nd Howarth's Gizyjo Miss Garbo fawn 2yrs another lovely girl nice head, dark eyes, square jaw well-set ears Correct body shape, tight feet and nice movement, showed wel 3rd Fryer's Tigrine Alexis Prusas LB 10 (4A) Mason's Aprika Miss World Dark brindle 13mths short compact ultra feminine bitch with the most beautiful dark eyes, she had a melting expression with a pretty feminine head of correct proportions, excellent mouth and dentition, neat ear carriage, strong neck for one so young, superb shoulder placement, gentle roach, tight feet and good pasterns, stunning body shape that was compact and well put together. And her movement was beautiful and the icing on the cake for me. BB BIS 2nd Ollier's Ageancourt Midnight Sun at Deollies Brindle 4.5yrs finer in bone then 1st nice head, dark eyes, neat ears, good neck and shoulder placement, compact body with short tail, tight feet and nice movement 3rd Mayro-Michaelis's Shoebridge Lunel OB 7 (5A) 1st Conway & Chapman's Norcairn Dark Encounter 2.5yrs Brindle another nice bitch, lovely head good dentition dark eye with a melting expression neat well placed bat ears. straight front, deep chest, gentle roach Tight feet moved well both ways. 2nd Bodzsar's Brenda Snore Devil 9mths light fawn dark eye, longer in body then 1 moved ok VB 3 1st Birks Birique Winnerova 8.5yrs Brindle I have always love this little girl and could not deny her the class today, small but compact little girl who is in good body shape, neat ears and dark eye straight front gentle roach neat feet and moved like she was enjoying her day BVB 2nd Stansfield's Nokomis Whispering Breeze at Mayobie ShCM 8yrs Brindle Good head dark eye straight front lovely topline gentle roach compact girl who moved well another enjoying her day 3rd Longdon's Alsuma Snowstorm SP open Pied bitch 3 (2A) 1st Swateridge's Skybull Marie Antoinette Xentique 5yrs pied Beautiful head good mouth correct dentition, the darkest of eyes melting expression correct bat ears used well, compact body, strong neck correct shoulders. good depth of chest neat feet, strong bone, well handled and moved with ease SP open Brindle bitch 6 (5) 1st Swateridge's Xentique Burlesque 2yrs she is a lovely shape and make with strong head and dark expressive eyes correct placed bat ears used well, good depth of chest, just loved her feet, showed and moved as one with her owner. SP open Fawn bitch 3 (2) 1st Bedford & Parkinson's Summer Matter 11mths VHC in PB fawn dark mask and eye neat ears used well, longer cast moved and showed well.



Left to Rt: BIS Mason's Aprika Miss World, RBIS Clubley's Frabull Maggie Thatcher, BOS, BD and BVIS Judge: Mrs Dawn Law, Swateridge's Ch.Birique Xentique JW ShCM, BPIS Conway & Chapman's Norcairn Fabulous Frank

Tommyville Too Many Bagels



'Bagel' 23/5/08-27/8/14

It is with enormous sadness that we report the loss of our beloved Bagel .Our little man came to us from our friend Maureen Bootle. He was a great companion, was always excited to see us, a proper little shadow.

We miss him dearly and he will never be forgotten.

God bless.

Jon and Pauline Kennedy





Andrew Brace reports on the French Bulldog Club of America Specialty in New York

On the Saturday and Sunday prior to Westminster the French Bulldog Club of America held two Specialty shows at the Pennsylvania Hotel. The first was judged by Dimitry van Raamsdonk, second generation breed expert of de la Parure fame, whilst I had the great honour of judging the Sunday show.

Obviously I did not attend the Saturday show so had no idea what Dimitry had done, and looked forward to sorting out the excellent entry, especially the 30 Champions that were entered in the Best of Breed class.

When I was in Orlando last December American all-rounder and great Frenchie fan Desi Murphy had told me that the American Frenchie people were a little concerned that a European and British judge might not look twice at the "creams" that are so popular in the USA, the very pale fawns, but I assured him that it would not be a problem if the colour was within the confines of the American Breed Standard (which, incidentally has over 28 pounds in weight as a disqualification) and Desi kindly gave me a beautiful tie that featured CREAM French Bulldogs. Obviously I had to wear it when I judged (which caused great amusement in certain quarters) and as it happened it matched my pistachio seersucker jacket very well.

There was quite a variety in type in "the classes" but no shortage of quality. My Winners Dog came from the Bred by Exhibitor Dog class, a very handsome pied, beautifully marked and full of type and quality. It is frowned upon to ask the ages of dogs in the USA and I assumed that he was a fully mature dog whereas he turned out to be just 9 months old so was obviously remarkably forward for his age. I later learnt that it was this pied puppy, Entourage de Couture, who had been Dimitry's BIS winner on the Saturday.

In bitches I had a beautiful brindle, again 9 months but entered in the Puppy Bitch class, for Winners and I found Prairie Gem's Polished To Perfection just that little bit cleaner coming at me than the pied male and so she won Best Of Winners later in the day.

After the regular classes I had just one in Veteran Dog but he was a superb specimen of the breed, in incredible nick for his age and a relentless showman, and even at that point I figured it would have to be something extra special to get past GCh Lebull's New Hope Wooly Bully for BOB.

Although it is always a thrill to judge a Specialty in the States, so often the rings are not large enough to cope with the huge numbers and this show was no exception. It took a lot of organising to be able to get all the dogs in the ring around the perimeter, avoiding having them in rows which I just hate. However, after removing the examination table and chairs, with a little careful manoeuvring we managed it.

Having judged all the Champions, along with the Winners Dog, Winners Bitch and Veteran, I made a few cuts before the final run off. My biggest headache of the day was separating a beautiful brindle bitch who had come from Japan and a cream bitch from the US. They both had their different virtues and shortcomings but in the final analysis I just preferred the overall substance of the cream. So I had lined up the brindle bitch as Best of Winners, the cream bitch, GCh Myshadow's Silk 'n' White Shade, as Best of Opposite, my Select Male, Select Bitch and the

requisite Awards of Merit before motioning the Veteran Dog to the top of the line which seemed to bring the house down. Once around the ring, and that's how they stood – with the Veteran Bully topping the lot to tumultuous applause.

That evening Desi Murphy was hosting a cocktail party that was being run by Santa Barbara Kennel Club a taxi ride away and lots of us accepted the invitation. It was a relaxed and fun evening and good to catch up with so many familiar faces, and also to meet some of the people who had been at the Frenchie specialty and who were extremely kind about my judging of what had been a really exciting entry.



At the French Bulldog Club of America Sunday Specialty Andrew Brace awarded BIS to the winner of Veteran Dog, GCh Lebull's New Hope Wooly Bully, handled by Jenny Rangel for owner Alexandra Geremia. President Virginia Rowland presented the trophy. Photo: Panda



Ever the showman to the last ... "Bully" poses after his BIS win.

photo Brace



Best of Winners and also Best Puppy was the 9 months brindle bitch, Prairie Gem's Polished To Perfection, owned and bred by Andrea Paul and Randy Huelsmann.

photo Brace



There was just one entry in the Brace class ... a fawn and a brindle! Both are UK imports, owned by Ann Egan and bred by Frances Krall.

photo Panda



At the Sunday Specialty Andrew Brace awarded Winners Dog to the 9 months old pied, Entourage de Couture, who won the Bred By Exhibitor Dog class and thus won his title on the day. He was handled by co-breeder and co-owner Darrell Mulkey. The previous day he had won BIS at the first Specialty which was judged by Dimitry van Raamsdonk, of de la Parure fame, from The Netherlands.

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TIMMY WHEN A TEENAGER

Timmy was loved and will be missed by his breeder, Maureen Bootle.

To the wonderful people who kidnapped him, cared for him, jogged with him, kept him in tip top show condition and adored him – Sandy, Rob and their family, I will be ever grateful to you for giving him the fabulous life that every Frenchie should have.

A Marathon For The French Bulldog Welfare Trust

When Henry Lee (the centre spread Mudlark from your last issue of Bat Ears) ran mud through the full house for the fourth time that day I put on a pair of trainers and earphones and left the house in frustration. To my utter astonishment a love of running was born. A year later when I was planning my first marathon I knew I had to raise money for a cause very close to my heart. Three months of intensive training over the winter months followed and on 22 February 2015 I found myself nervously lined up at the start of the Vodafone Malta Marathon. In my back pocket I had a vial of ashes, the ashes of George, a Welfare Trust frenchie who lived with my friend Shelley Chapman that she had gifted to me. I wanted George's companionship in the miles ahead. The two day break in the sun my husband had been promised didn't materialise; the strong wind and periods of lashing rain were normal Scottish training conditions for me and I fared better than many. I was delighted and incredibly proud when I came in at 3 hours 48 minutes, it's a day I shall never forget.

The wonderful sum of over £1500 was raised for the French Bulldog Welfare Trust, and what was most humbling was not the generosity of family and close friends - that you hope for - but the generosity shown by Frenchie lovers unknown to me. For that access and publicity I have to thank the Welfare volunteers that run their Facebook Auction page, their support was unwavering and greatly appreciated. A dear artist friend Derek Beggs volunteered to sketch your Frenchie if you donated an amount; frenchie pal Ian McQueen donated one of his wonderful Frenchie creations and set up a raffle that sponsors' names were put in - the winner received a beautiful Frenchie finished in gold leaf. Such spontaneous acts of generosity helped the total soar. Thank you to everyone who made the whole adventure possible.

Cath Watson.







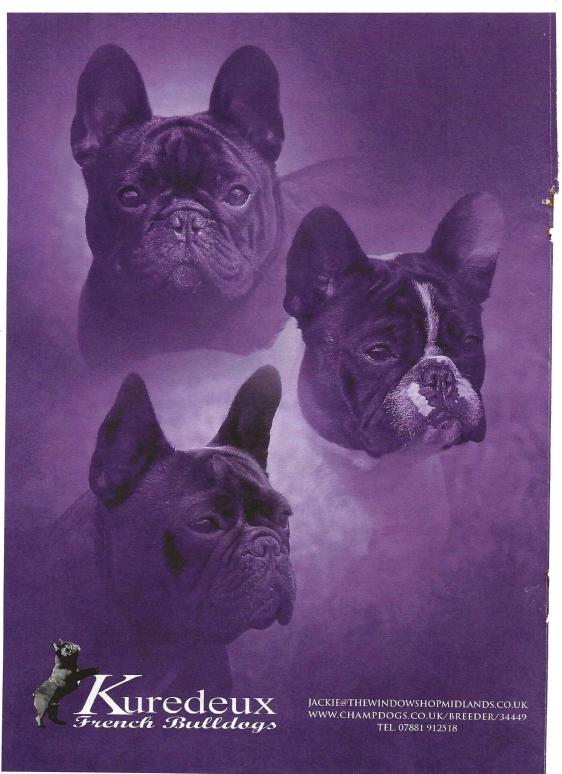
DISCOVER DOGS CRUFTS 2015



Annie Jenkins - the calm before the storm!



A big thank you to everyone who helped over the 4 days $^{2.3}$



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The French Bulldogs of Nymphenburg are amongst the most sought after and certainly amongst the most expensive of all the porcelain models of the breed; and their pedigree is most interesting!

Production really started in 1753, and, like most of the fine porcelain factories founded in the eighteenth century, it owed much to Royal Patronage. The Crown Heads of Europe, the Electors of the German Provinces and the well-to-do were all eager to pour money into the production of this newly discovered hard-paste porcelain, and the finest craftsmen, designers and artists were employed. Nymphenburg was established by Prince Max III Joseph of Bavaria and Count Sigismund von Haimhausen, and production soon surpassed all other German factories. In 1761 the factory moved from Neudeck to the Palace of Nymphenburg, and there, amidst the beautiful gardens, it exists today.

Perhaps the most famous porcelain figures are those of Johann Joachim Kaendler of Meissen, Johann Peter Melchior and Franz Anton Bustelli of Nymphenburg. In more modern times the most famous animal artist is probably Theador Karner who died in 1966. He worked for several porcelain factories, including Nymphenburg.

In the 18th century the factory became state property – The Bavarian State Porcelain Factory. In 1862 it was leased to a private company Albert Bauml, and passed on to his son, and from then remained under private direction. Interesting in that the Meissen factory, which, following reunification, reverted to state ownership, despite wealthy Japanese and American companies trying to buy it.

Nymphenburg porcelain has always been made to the highest possible standards – almost reaching perfection. The finest and purest raw materials are used, the pieces are moulded and decorated by hand, all impurities are removed and the piece fired twice, to give it that glorious translucency, that milky white colour with a hint of greenish grey. They are wonderful to see and delightful to touch – just run your fingers lightly over those Frenchie feet and feel their nails!

The Nymphenburg mark has always incorporated the Bavarian coat of arms, a shield shape, today with 'Nymphenburg' printed underneath, On finer pieces, such as the wonderful Italian Greyhound I have seen this shield often incorporated into the design of the model – in this case the cipher on the corner of his coat. Modern Frenchie pieces which I have bought in America are marked 'Western Germany' as well, whereas those I have bought directly from Germany do not carry this. Various impressed marks denote the model number and, sometimes, the artist.

Like Meissen, Nymphenburg still occasionally issues pieces made from old 18th and 19th century moulds, and again like Meissen, I suspect that pieces are issued

in the white with their marks cancelled by an engraved stroke to denote slight defects. I have never found that these were in any way cheaper than the virtually flawless pieces, nor have I ever been able to detect a fault!

The standing pied Frenchie in the pictures show the more recent model and the finer boned, and to me, the much more interesting model which was made much earlier. Remember all the models are hand painted and so no two are ever the same. The standing model is about 6" high and 7" long.

The sitting puppy with its fly-away ears and pot belly is made in 2 sizes, the smallest just over 3" and the larger one is 7" high. This puppy is so appealing, simply for its "aaah" factor, and the standing one has a lovely Frenchie expression, and wonderful balance. Both have of course the exquisite feel of Nymphenburg porcelain. At present the small puppy is the only one in production. However, please be aware, that 'in production' should not be confused with 'readily available! I waited 6 years for my last piece; meantime, prices do not stand still!



The early standing model and the appealing puppies.

Photo: Nick

Waters



The modern standing models, heavier and with more bone than the early model. **Photo: Nick Waters**

There is one more Frenchie model, the much sought after, almost life-size lying model. This is a dream of a piece and I have found everyone who sees it, loves it; maybe it is its sublime expression which captures hearts.



The life size lying pied.

Photo: Nick Waters



....and the same model in the white.

Photo: Nick Waters

Finally, and perhaps a clue as to why Nymphenburg features Frenchies amongst the outstanding dog models which it produces; a press cutting from the 1970s which shows Princess Pilar von Bayern with her French Bulldog outside their home, the Palace of Nymphenburg.



Maureen Bootle .

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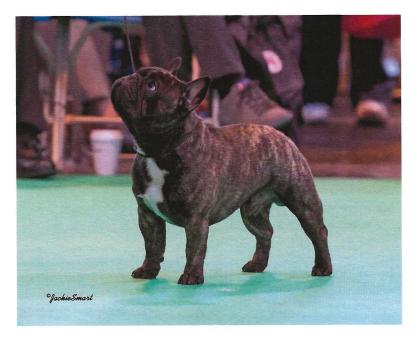
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BP - Luvum, Minnie Ha Ha, (War Bonnet's baby out of Glenlee Indian Spirit at Luvum).

A marvellous start to 2015 for Glenlee, Renuar, and Luvum

Many thanks to well known and respected judge Mr Kari Jarvinen.

GLENLEE



Renuar Roberta Bohemienne Glenlee

Boston Ch Show Bitch CC, her 2nd Thanks to judge Jackie Mavro

(She won CC & BOB Birmingham 2014 under Moa Persson)

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FBWT Annual report for 2014

Once again we come to the end of another years work for the Trust, it has been one of our busiest years with a total of 112 dogs and their owners helped by the Trust, of those 4 had to be euthanised because of unprovoked aggression to people and of those 2 were found to be suffering from brain damage.

Thanks must certainly go to all those volunteers who have helped us to cope with the collection, transport, and fostering of these dogs, and to those who gave these dogs a forever home whatever their problems.

I would also like to thank our Fund raising team and all those supporters on Face book etc. whose organisation and donations have been fantastic, with online auctions doing very well. I feel I must mention Cath Watson who recently ran a marathon (her first), in Malta, on behalf of the trust and raised £1600 for us, a fantastic result.

We have again had dogs coming in with various medical or social problems again a large percentage with imported connections, but have been lucky to find good homes for them.



SALLY

One dog that came to the trust with a small problem that quickly turned into a life or death situation taught us why we all work so hard for these dogs. Sally was an incontinent 11 months old, but, aside from her medical problem she was a normal young Frenchie, very active, playful with a loving and loyal disposition. It was revealed by the owners, that, prior to their ownership Sally had been mated at 7 months and later lost all her puppies at birth. The present owners bought Sally off the internet, although they were aware of the disastrous mating etc. they had not known about

the incontinence problem. Their own vet was unable to deal with it and they could not afford a specialist. Sally came to the trust and went to live with one of our foster carers, Sue Worrell. She was taken to the vets for a check-up and to try and solve the problem. He quickly found that Sally's problem was quite unusual and serious, caused by the fact that the tubes from her kidneys

by-passed the bladder and were connected directly to the urethra so she had no urinary control. This meant referral to a specialist for a rare and costly operation to reconnect her kidney tubes to the bladder. The Trustees agreed unanimously to fund the operation and any ongoing treatment. The operation was a success and she is now learning to work her bladder muscles. During her convalescence a permanent home was found for her. She has recently represented the trust with her new family at our rescue stand at Crufts.



PEGGY-SUE

This is Peggy-Sue. She was found wandering on a sea front in Wales and in very poor condition. She was taken to the local council kennels, were it was obvious by her Caesarean scars that she had been well used as a breeding bitch. The dog warden had a soft spot for Peggy Sue and kept her longer than the rules allowed. However, when the time to put her to sleep grew too close she contacted the Trust, and we picked her up the night before she was to be put to sleep. She was

clean and vet checked by our foster carer and found to be about 2-3years old in good general health, although one ear was down and her dentition was poor we think from biting her cage. She was quickly transported across country via Penkridge to the Northeast, to her new family home who had recently lost their Frenchie.

Finally the trustees hope to fill the vacancy for a new trustee at the AGM, also appoint some area coordinators to help the Trust carry on its work in helping Frenchies in need, and to give the general public even more available contacts who can give them the help and information they need to help them make the right choices for them and their dogs.

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ANOTHER CARING FRENCHIE



Kathleen & Hebe

Many years ago I would visit my friend Angela and her parents, Jack and Kathleen, and Gizy, my little Frenchie always came along. He would always make himself at home and jump onto the chair.

Sadly, Jack had a stroke and was very ill for several months. When he came out of hospital he wasn't able to do very much so he would sit and watch TV most of the time.

I wasn't sure how Gizy would respond to Jack, so on our next visit I was a little apprehensive. As we walked into the room Gizy looked directly at Jack, and made no attempt to jump onto any of the chairs. He just looked at Jack, and sat beside his feet, leaning against his leg, and that is where he stayed until we left. This same behaviour was repeated on several occasions, it was as if Gizy knew Jack was ill, and was protecting him.

Many months had passed after Jack had passed away, and I went to see Kathleen and Angela. As we walked into the front room, Gizy looked at Jack's empty chair, and then decided to look for him. He went into the dining room, then into the kitchen as we all stood there just watching him. He then decided to go upstairs, and we could hear his little grumbling noises as he walked around. Minutes later he came back downstairs, obviously satisfied that Jack wasn't there to look after anymore, and jumped onto the chair and settled down.

Recently Kath had to go into care, after breaking her hip following a fall, and was now suffering with dementia. Angela and I took Hebe to the care home to see her as Kathleen. She had met Hebe as a puppy and loved her, mainly because she is Gizy's great, great granddaughter. Kathleen was overjoyed to see her little friend Hebe, and the other residents made such a fuss of her too. One lady asked if I could bring her every day, another told me about her dogs and how she missed them. So, yes, we will be going back.

Hebe and Mum (Joan Howarth)

SOMETHING NEW AT THE CLUB SHOW

Thanks to the generosity of the M&NCFBC, Maureen Bootle and Wendy Henderson will be having a stand at the Club championship show selling French Bulldog antiques and collectables.

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We will have great range of goods on offer – come to see them just for fun and interest. Items ranging from kitsch collectables from 50p to fine antiques up to £1,000 and over! There are pieces from Meissen, Nymphenberg, Rosenthal and many other famous names, and there will be porcelain, pottery, bronzes, fabrics and paper goods.

There will be so much for you to enjoy. So, do come along to see what we have, and, if you buy anything you will be helping needy Frenchies

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BOB: JAFRAK FRIENDLY PERSUASION (MR & MRS J KRALL)
Dog CC: JAFRAK FRIENDLY PERSUASION (MR & MRS J KRALL)

Res Dog: TULSKAYA AKVAREL DARIAN DE TREVIL BELLICOSE (IMP RUS) (MRS L

SMITH)

Bitch CC: RENUAR ROBERTA BOHEMIENNE GLENLEE (IMP LVA) (MR G & MRS E

DRUMMOND)

Res Bitch: MERIMNA'S RUBY PARURE (MR T & MRS P SMALL) Best Puppy: ARDHUB SLAP AND TICKLE (MISS M PORTER)

MANCHESTER

Judge(s): MR KARI JARVINEN

BOB: GLENLEE ETERNAL FLAME LUVUM (MRS E DRUMMOND & MISS S CHAMBERS)

Dog CC: CH RENUAR NEW WAR BONNET GLENLEE (IMP LVA) (MR G & MRS E

DRUMMOND)

Res Dog CC: CELTICLIBRID BRAVEHEART (MRS M ELLISON)

Bitch CC: GLENLEE ETERNAL FLAME LUVUM (MRS E DRUMMOND & MISS S

CHAMBERS)

Res Bitch CC: CH BOULE AND ONUBA ZINDIRELLA AT SEALAW (IMP) (MR M COAD)

Best Puppy: LUVUM MINNIE HA HA (MISS S CHAMBERS)

CRUFTS

Judge(s): MR G GODFREY

BOB: FRA/SPA/INT/GER/ROM/BUL/VDH

CH MAXIMO DE LA VIRREYNA [ATC AQ01868ESP] (MR D RODRIGUEZ)

Dog CC: FRA/SPA/INT/GER/ROM/BUL/VDH

CH MAXIMO DE LA VIRREYNA [ATC AQ01868ESP] (MR D RODRIGUEZ)

Res Dog: BOULE & ONUBA ZENITH J CH (MR C & MRS M A SANCHEZ & DELGADO) Bitch CC: MULTI CH KOKETTE DE LA PARURE [ATCAR01906BEL] (MR M K KIM) Res Bitch: POL CH OUARELLE DE LA VIRREYNA PLJCH VDHJCH IKFBJCH [ATC

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(MRS J DZIKIEWICZ)

Best Puppy: WILDAX PRINCESS TIPPY TOES (MISS M A WILDMAN)

Championship Results 2014 / 2015

MIDLAND COUNTIES

Judge(s): KENNY RAWSTHORNE

BOB: CHELMBULL MOON PILOT (MR D & MISS A & MR A & MRS L CUND & HARROP)

Dog CC: CHELMBULL MOON PILOT (MR D & MISS A & MR A & MRS L CUND &

HARROP)

Res Dog: MULTI CH SENORITO DE LA VIRREYNA WITH HUGGERBULLS (MR B

DUNNING)

Bitch CC: CH TILLCARR FLIRT IN A SKIRT (MRS S L PEARCE) Res Bitch: TILLCARR BERYL THE PERIL (MRS K JOHNSON) Best Puppy: JAFRAK LA DI DA OSSIDCLA (MISS M ESPOSITO)

BUBA

Judge(s): MS CAROLE ASH

BOB: CH RENUAR NEW WAR BONNET GLENLEE (IMP LVA) (MR G & MRS E

DRUMMOND)

Dog CC: CH RENUAR NEW WAR BONNET GLENLEE (IMP LVA) (MR G & MRS E

DRUMMOND)

Res Dog: RISCHALE WILLIAM (MR M & MRS T SMITH)

Bitch CC: CH BOULE AND ONUBA ZINDIRELLA AT SEALAW (MR M COAD)

Res Bitch: APRIKA MISS WORLD (MRS J MASON)

Best Puppy: SONATEL'S SINATRA AT KALHOL (MR J & MRS K AINSWORTH)

LKA

Judge(s): MS MARY B DEATS

BOB: NORCAIRN DARK N DEBONAIR at TYTORRO JW Sh.CM (MORGAN, MISS J

MORGAN & MR G LING)

Dog CC: DARK N DEBONAIR at TYTORRO JW Sh.CM (MORGAN, MISS J MORGAN &

MR G LING)

Res Dog CC: KINGFRIEND MR CHOW (MR D FRIEND)

Bitch CC: TOMMYVILLE TULLY at ACIREMA (MR B JONES, MR P KENDRICK, MR P F &

HUGHES)

Res Bitch CC: CH BOULE AND ONUBA ZINDIRELLA AT SEALAW (IMP) (MR M COAD) Best Puppy: TULSKAYA AKVAREL DARIAN DE TREVIL BELLICOSE (IMP RUS) (MRS L SMITH)

Championship Show 2015

10/01/2015	Boston	Mrs J Mavro- Michaelis
16/01/2015	Manchester	Mr K Jarvinen(Finland)
08/03/2015	Crufts	Mr G D Godfrey
		Dr G Bodegard M D
19/04/2015	F.B.C.E.	(Sweden)
24/04/2015	W.E.L.K.S	Mrs I Tribbeck
08/05/2015	Birmingham National	Mrs P Rankine-Parsons
15/05/2015	S.K.C.	Mrs S Greensmith
25/05/2015	Bath	Mrs E Drummond
29/05/2015	Southern Counties	Mrs S Nitsch
05/06/2015	Three Counties	Mrs B Peach
21/06/2015	Border Union	Mr P Pearce
26/06/2015	Blackpool	Ms S Davies
02/07/2015	Windsor	Mr M W James
11/07/2015	East of England	Mr G Drummond
24/07/2015	Leeds	Mrs M Bootle
04/08/2015	Paignton	Miss M Sargent
08/08/2015	Bournemouth	Mr C D Thomas
23/08/2015	Welsh Kennel Club	Mr P Kendrick
29/08/2015	S.K.C.	Mr T D Mather JP
06/09/2015	City of Birmingham	Mr R Oldham
13/09/2015	Richmond	Mr A T Nitsch
18/09/2015	Darlington	Mr R McDonald
27/09/2015	M.N.C.F.B.C.	Mr P Harding
04/10/2015	Driffield	Mrs J Furneaux
11/10/2015	South Wales	Mrs F Krall
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05/12/2015	B.U.B.A.	Mrs J Keats
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