



# The Cesky Terrier Club

## January 2021

### AHOJ!

Welcome to this edition of Ahoj!

As we look forward to better times, I do hope everyone is keeping safe and well and managing to enjoy your dogs. I hope you enjoy this issue, please do contact me if you have a feature or idea for future issues and don't forget to enter our competition!

Best Wishes

**Ruth Dukes**

**Editor**

#### **A Note from the Assistant Editor**

It has been a funny year for us, everyone is at home and I sure I am not getting enough sleep. I am getting 6 walks a day though, the humans tell me they all need 'exercise.' I have noticed that my extra walks seem to coincide with humans being grumpy with each other... I have to say, the people are all very easily distracted and get all over excited when close to other humans.

I miss seeing all my friends at shows, especially the ones who give me treats and tell me that I am beautiful, however, I now have a new hobby, Microsoft 'teams!' Unlimited humans, trapped in a little box and all telling me how beautiful I am from nine until five every weekday! I only wish they could feed me as well!

See you soon

Sirius

Assistant Editor



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## An update from the Club Secretary

Hello to all our members and what a year this has been! I hope you are all safe and well.

The Committee had their first ' Zoom meeting ' in November, as a result of which, I can give you some dates for your 2021 diary. Whilst the Committee is aware of the dynamic nature of the current situation, they considered it necessary to agree on dates, gain KC approval and book venues.

There will be two Championship shows in 2021, all being well.

- The first one will be the "2020" show on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at Steventon Village Hall.
- The judge will be Steve Fewings who should have judged the Championship show in July 2020.
- The AGM(s) will be held before the show.

The second Championship show will be the "2021" show

- 4<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at Stoneleigh, held in conjunction with the City of Birmingham Championship show.
- The judge will be Colin Richardson

The Open show has been rescheduled for 19/6/21 19<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and will be held in conjunction with The 'Meet and Greet the Cesky Terrier' Day both will take place at Sue and Steve Fewings' home at Parson Drove, Near Wisbech  
The judge is Chris Mills.

The Committee aims to represent the Cesky Terrier at both 2021 Discover Dogs days -the one in July at Crufts (15th - 18th) and in November at Excel East (20th - 21st) – if you would like to help out please contact me.

More details for all of these events will follow in due course.

Please may I remind members that the annual membership fee is due on 1/1/21

Single membership is £7

Joint membership is £10

Overseas membership is £11

Payment may be made by Direct Debit, cheque or PayPal.

Finally, on behalf of the Committee, I would like to wish you all a much improved New Year.

**Linda Burrage**

**Secretary**

## A Dog For All Reasons

### With Andrea Stubbings



We got our first Cesky terrier in February 2002 having just lost our Sealyham very tragically at the age of six years old. We were unable to find another Sealyham terrier, and it was suggested we contacted the Cesky Club to see if there were any Ceskys' available. We were told about male who had been returned to his breeder Floracion Ver Cardo, age 11 months, so off we went from Cambridge to Southampton and home he came with us, we called him Zak. From almost the day he joined us there was no other breed for us. Zak had a huge fan club everywhere we went. He came to all the dressage shows we competed at, and was a regular at our local pub. We lost him just before his 12<sup>th</sup> birthday after a long battle with cancer and Cushing's disease. We were not sure how we could try to fill the gap he had left in our lives, but there, looking for a pet home was Colin and Lynne Richardsons puppy Talyot Inigo Jones, and into our lives came Jonesy. We had since given up our pony stud and moved to Norfolk and Jonesy was our only canine. When Jonesy was 17 months we decided to try fun agility classes, a sport I had always wanted to try, this was the start of our agility journey.

Jonesy took to agility straightaway and we were soon looking to find a club that did competitive classes. It took nearly a year and during that time, Jonesy achieved his bronze, silver and gold Good Citizens awards. Eventually we were able to join a competitive club, we had lots to learn and put right but Jonesy was brilliant and at his first unaffiliated show

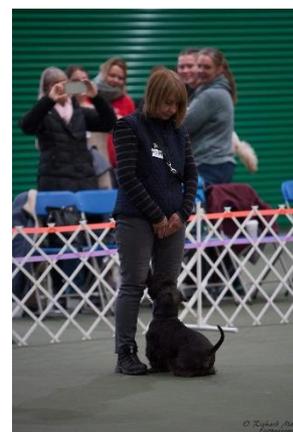


won all his four classes. By the end of the year, we were encouraged to try KC agility shows our class came and my legs were like jelly but Jonesy, being the star he is, went clear and that was the start of our affiliated career in agility. Over the next 3 years, we progressed from grade 1 to grade 6 gaining our 100 points for the bronze agility warrant and 400 points for our silver warrant. Like Zak, Jonesy has quite a fan club, he is not the fastest but nearly always goes clear getting me out of trouble so many times and making me so proud of him!

By now, Jonesy was 6 years old and did not seem as keen on his agility. A friend said she had entered an obedience show and asked if we would we enter and go with her. I entered not realising it was a KC competition! Panic set in we had not done any obedience training for nearly 3 years, luckily we knew an obedience trainer who judged KC and we had an hour with her and she put us right on the rules. The day dawned and off we went the show was very busy but Jonesy as always helped me out and we managed two 4th places in introductory and pre-beginners. This meant no more introductory classes as we were placed pre-beginners. I decided if we were going to compete, we should have some proper training



and had some 1-2-1 lessons. A couple of months later off to our next show, I was so nervous that during in round I managed to tread on poor Jonesy's toe, but as always he pulled it out of the bag and people were coming up to us saying what a lovely round and asking what breed was Jonesy. In total shock we had won the Pre-beginners. This qualified us for the National Obedience finals at Stoneleigh where, even though I went completely to pieces, we managed a 7<sup>th</sup> place. This meant our level was Beginners unfortunately you needed to complete a retrieve Jonesy would not even look at a dumbbell let alone retrieve it, so at the age of 6 years old Jonesy had to learn to retrieve a dumbbell. Jonesy learnt this over the winter, and at his first show at beginners got a clear for his retrieve, and at the 3<sup>rd</sup> show of the year won both his



Beginners classes taking us into Novice, due to Covid we have not competed since but have been working over the year he can now work his scent cloths. We will probably have a go at A classes as well when we start competing again. We are so lucky to have Jonesy join our family he has helped me meet and make many new friends along the way. We started our search for another Cesky in 2018 and in March 2019 Janski Tamadeus (Smithy,) aged 16 months, joined us from Wendy Tobijanski He is a real character and has taken to agility like a duck to water. He is a lot faster than Jonesy but clear rounds are harder to come by. He is so keen his enthusiasm can take over at times but has still managed to move up a grade in our local unaffiliated league in just a couple of shows. This year I have been able to attend some agility workshops with Smithy given by top handlers who have said he has great skills, good drive, distance and working at a much higher level than his grade 2. Unfortunately, Covid has put a hold on competitions at the moment but as he has progressed so well with his training we cannot wait for the shows to start again. We are also doing a bit of obedience training and he is showing great promise, he is a little too enthusiastic at times but has made lots of progress.



We could not be more proud of both our boys they are a joy to have as part of our family.

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## **Breed Health Coordinator**

### **Health Report 2020**

#### **With Wendy Tobijanski;**

Note - As we have not held the Club AGM this report has not been presented to the Cesky Club as yet.

The Breed Health Coordinator symposium was cancelled in 2020 this year, due to Coronavirus. Similarly, I have not attended any seminars as again, none were held.

I have, however, completed the Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP), it involved a lot of research and was very time consuming, though it helped to keep me awake all night when I was looking after newborn puppies! I thought it might be helpful to members to understand what the BHCP involves and so I have set out below the aims and objectives of the scheme.

#### **What is a breed health and conservation plan?**

This is a project, run by The Kennel Club, which gathers all available health information and data about each specific breed and compiles it into a single document. This document is given to the breed clubs and is used as a basis to collaboratively create a strategy to tackle the health priorities of that particular breed.

#### **What is the aim of the BHCPs project?**

The breed health and conservation plans ensure that all health concerns are identified through evidence-based criteria. The plans provide breeders with useful information and resources to support them in making balanced breeding decisions that make health a priority.

#### **What sort of subjects do the BHCPs cover?**

The breed health and conservation plans take a complete view of breed health and include information about:

- known inherited conditions
- complex conditions (i.e. those involving many genes and environmental effects such as nutrition or exercise levels, e.g. hip dysplasia)
- conformational concerns
- population genetics

### **What information is used to create a BHCP?**

Sources of evidence and data being used include:

- Scientific publications and VetCompass findings
- Agria insurance data
- Breed Watch data
- Data from BVA/KC health schemes and other breed health schemes
- The Kennel Club's 2004 and 2014 purebred dog health surveys
- Breed-specific health surveys conducted by The Kennel Club and the breed clubs themselves

This information is brought together to indicate the most significant health conditions in each breed, in terms of prevalence and impact.

### **Are the BHCPs a collaborative project?**

The project involves collaboration across a broad spectrum of stakeholders. Breed health co-ordinators are central to the identification and prioritisation of health concerns, but we will also draw on the knowledge and experience of breeders within the breed club communities and the veterinary and research community.

### **What information is provided in the BHCPs?**

- At the end of the first stage of each breed's BHCP, a document that sets out all of the available health evidence is presented to the breed clubs.
- The second stage involves discussions between the breed clubs and The Kennel Club to decide on the breeds' main health concerns.
- The third stage of the project provides clear advice to breeders and breed clubs as to how the health of the breed can be improved.

I have received reports of Ceskys having health problems and some sadly dying and I continue to add this health information to my records. It is always helpful to receive this information as it means we can notice any emerging problems quickly. I am always happy to help with and health problems your dogs may have.

Please continue to send any information to me.

I hope you all have a happy and healthy 2021.

**Wendy Tobijanski**

**Breed Health Coordinator**

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## Health Focus - Pyometra

### What is canine pyometra?

Canine pyometra is a common and life-threatening condition, which affects un-neutered female dogs.

The word pyometra means a uterus full of pus, which accurately describes the condition; however, the condition does not start by bacteria infecting the uterus but instead is driven by hormonal changes. The most common time for pyometra to be diagnosed is around 1-3 months after a dog has been in season.

### What causes canine pyometra?

Hormonal changes in a dog cause the glands in the uterus to increase. These glands produce a secretion, which is an excellent material for bacteria to grow and forms a large quantity of pus. Toxins from the pus can be absorbed into the bloodstream which makes the pet very unwell. If left untreated pyometra can be fatal.

Vets will sometimes classify pyometra into two types; an open form, where pus discharges from the uterus into the vagina, and a closed form, where there is no discharge and causes the uterus to get larger and larger as more pus accumulates. Both forms require urgent attention, but the closed form can be a serious emergency procedure and requires urgent surgery to avoid a risk of the uterus rupturing.

### What are the signs of pyometra in dogs?

Dogs with pyometra will often stop eating or eat less; they may also drink less, causing them to become dehydrated. Vomiting is also a common sign, which can make the dehydration worse. A dog may also look bloated with a distended stomach. If the dog has an open pyometra, then there may be a visible white or brown discharge visible from the vulva. Vets will be able to confirm the diagnosis by performing an ultrasound scan of the abdomen.

### How is pyometra treated?

Some dogs with pyometra will be very unwell, others may just be 'off colour'. The first step of treatment is to stabilise the dog and help the body systems by correcting problems such as dehydration with an intravenous drip. The vet will also usually perform a blood test to see whether the toxins absorbed have affected the kidneys, and also to check for anaemia, levels of white blood cells and how body systems are functioning.

Surgery is usually recommended for the treatment of pyometra. During this procedure, an ovariohysterectomy is performed which removes the ovaries and uterus, and also the source of the pus. This is the most effective treatment and most dogs improve very rapidly after the surgery, although some may require further support in the veterinary surgery to nurse them back to health. Although it is rare, toxins from pyometra may have caused so much damage to the body systems that the dog continues to have problems after surgery.

Medical treatment is sometimes also prescribed for pyometra, where injections of aglepristone are given at regular intervals to change hormones, to try and encourage the body to remove the pus from the uterus. Medical treatment is usually used only in patients where surgery is not advisable, such as when a patient is too unwell to undergo an anaesthetic. However, surgery is considered a more successful treatment which also removes the chance of pyometra reoccurring.

## Breeder Focus - Komidion

### With Sue Fewings

I started my showing journey with Giant and Miniature Schnauzers. We had visited the All Winners show in Amsterdam, about 40 years ago and this is where we first met the Cesky Terrier. Having met them, we decided that we would look into acquiring one ourselves. We knew that we would have to wait until one of our Giant Schnauzers passed as she would not accept an adult in to the home. At that time, the Czech Republic was not in the EU so importing a dog was more challenging. The years passed and motherhood came to me. Then we saw that someone had imported Cesky Terriers, and we finally tracked them down at a Championship show.

We booked a puppy from Sheila Atter and Griff, from the Ridley B litter came home with us. Later, we were lucky to collect Ridley Charlotte from Shelia, and she became my foundation bitch.

We Imported Kvido Twister, he had to go through quarantine and I visited him almost every day. He was used at stud and produced some

beautiful pups. I feel he improved the quality of type in this country.



Both Steve and I are founder members of the Cesky Terrier Club, and have served as Secretary to our club.

The first year of our breed at Crufts we were delighted that Komidion Bohemian Bliss won Best of Breed, and was short-listed in the group.

The following year it was Twisters time to shine. A few years later, their son, Komidion Fanfare Dajaces won Best of Breed. I was also delighted when we exported a Puppy to Gabi in the Czech Republic, where she won Best Puppy and best in Show at the Czech Cesky Terrier Club Champ Show.

As a breeder, I get as much of a thrill when other people win with dogs we have bred as I do when we handle them ourselves!



## New Feature

### Competition Time – Win A Prize!

Who wants to have a regular photo competition in Ahoj?

Each issue I will choose a part of the Cesky Terrier UK breed standard. Your challenge will be to post a photo of your dog, which you feel illustrates the standard.

Humour and irony are allowed!

Once Ahoj is published, I will begin a thread on the members Facebook group where you can post your photos so that we can all enjoy them.

The winner will be announced on the Facebook Group and will receive a prize.

The winning photo will be published here in the following issue of Ahoj.

Judges decision is final!

For this issue, let us see your photos that show that the Cesky is;

***‘Friendly and companionable.’***

#### Committee

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