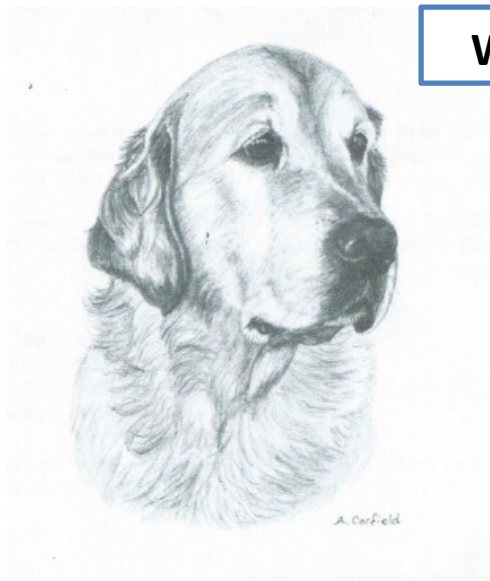


SGRS MEMBERS' NEWS SHEET

WINTER 2016



Welcome to your NEWS SHEET. Your Committee will be sending this out a few times a year so please check your emails and your spam folder (just in case).

There's a new process for Puppy and Stud Dog lists to encourage more Members to use these facilities, especially as there is a constant stream of puppy enquiries which can't be satisfied.

The Puppy List fee is now reduced to £5. The Stud Dog list fee is now £20 for the owner (no matter how many stud dogs) .

Please contact mandy.pett@uwclub.net

If you are doing next year's diary, the SGRS Championship show is on **Sunday 26th February.**

Check for other 2017 events that might be of interest.

<http://www.southerngoldenretriever.com/Events%20Diary.html...>

Members might like to know that over the last five years, generous donations of unwanted items from Members have been auctioned on EBAY and have raised a total of just over £760. This has been entirely down to the efforts of Hilary Male who uploaded and dispatched all items, and the Society extends a great vote of thanks to her.

The Committee have now agreed that it can no longer accept such items and thank all those that have ever donated.

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The University of Cambridge Veterinary School Trust has thanked Members of Southern Golden Retriever Society very much for the £500 donation to their Ultrasound Appeal. This ultrasound machine is a valuable diagnostic tool and is the main workhorse of the imaging department. The current machine has been used on over 12,000 small animal patients and is vital to their work. By supporting them, it enables them to continue to offer the best treatment and care to their patients, as well as providing an excellent teaching environment to students.

The SGRS Discover Dogs Team had another successful event at the ExCel Exhibition Centre in October which couldn't have been achieved without all the volunteers and their dogs that help over a long and busy weekend. A big thanks to you all.
If you would like to volunteer for 2017, please contact clairehill75@aol.com

The SGRS 100 Club still has a few vacancies. If you would like the chance to win one of 4 cash prizes (top prize £100) every quarter all for the annual sum of £12pa, then please contact our Treasurer valerie.hogg@btinternet.com
All surplus goes towards the SGRS Health Fund.

Members might like to know that the SGRS is happy to accept scanned/emailed copies of event entry forms and direct online payment, if you prefer not to make postal entries. Details are included in schedules and other entry forms.

The Field Trial is at Owley, Kent on Monday 27th January. For further details contact David Hutchison
davidhutchison116@virginmedia.com

The Open Show results, judge's critique and photos will shortly appear on the website in the next few weeks.

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Have you ever thought of getting to know what is involved in running any of the events the SGRS provides for its Members and other participants? The Committee is always happy to accept volunteer helpers at any time.

If you would like to help, please contact any Committee member <http://www.southerngoldenretriever.com/committee.html> or speak to the organisers at any event.

You may remember from previous articles that Cambridge University is currently undertaking a research project for Ectopic Ureter in Golden Retrievers.

They are looking for healthy, urinary continent Goldens of both sexes to take part in ultrasound screening and DNA testing.

But more importantly, if any Breeder has a wet puppy and would like to contribute to this research, it is MOST IMPORTANT that the correct procedure is followed as soon as the condition is identified in any puppy.

For further information about this, please contact Margaret Woods (Golden Retriever Breed Health Co-ordinator)

margaret.woods6@btinternet.com or 01388 835112

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