

2006 INTERNATIONAL AGILITY FESTIVAL

Massive success of Festival, with over 2000 participants

The Kennel Club International Agility Festival welcomed over 2000 competitors last weekend, the 12th and 13th of August, with competitors from Peterborough and as far afield as South Africa, competing in the all action Agility sport at the East of England Showground in Peterborough, along with their 1600 eager dogs.

The rain didn't stop play, and surrounded by acres of caravans and tents the competition got underway, with Agility enthusiasts and their dogs giving it their all. The international participants were given a good feel for the great British weather, which fortunately did nothing to dampen spirits!

Members of the British World Championship team were competing, and this included local resident, Jeanette Tandy with her Border Terrier, Buddy who said; "One of the best things about the Kennel Club International Agility Festival are the fantastic trophies, and trying the different courses from the overseas judges. Buddy, my Border Terrier who has qualified to be part of the British World Championship team, absolutely loves agility. I can tell this by the fact he barks all the way round, and the fact he would do it with anyone! He benefits from it by keeping fit, and I really enjoy working with my dog as a team. I believe you have to have a special bond with your dog in order to succeed in agility, and agility also builds up a trusting relationship with you and your dog."

Spain, Ireland, South Africa, Germany, and Scotland were all placed in the prestigious Kennel Club Nations Cup, with England winning the top place for all three size categories (small, medium and large).

Here are the winners from all of the classes – all levels were catered for – from the beginners in the Starters Cup to the very experienced in the Nations Cup:-

KC Starters Cup Final

- Small dogs – Yurie Arita with Welsh Corgi (Pembroke) – Pixy of Angel Forest
- Medium dogs – Celia Crook with Lagotto Romagnolo – Geaston Flo's Faith

- Large dogs – Alex Finnie with Working Sheepdog – Flyntastic Red Mist

KC Novice Cup Final

- Small dogs – Roger Van De Laarschot with Shetland Sheepdog – Double Dutch Troyle (Holland)
- Medium dogs - Angela Williams with Border Collie - Withersfarm Perfect Ten
- Large dogs - Joanne Richards with Working Sheepdog - Hey Mr D.J.

KC British Open Final

- Small dogs – Dawn Weaver with Miniature Poodle Ag. Ch. Piquant Painted Sunshine
- Medium dogs - Alan Gardner with Border Collie Touchango Again Girl
- Large dogs - Alan Bray with Working Sheepdog – Ag. Ch. Lunarlite Selenas Tiger at Upanova

Nations Cup Final

- Small dogs – Team Great Britain (this team is representing Great Britain at the World Championships in October, in Switzerland) comprising;
Jeanette Tandy with Border Terrier – Buddy of the Dale
Dawn Weaver with Miniature Poodle – Ag. Ch. Piquant Painted Sunshine, Rachel Mowbray with Border Terrier – Laureton Winter Nutmeg.

Medium dogs – England 'A' team comprising;

- Fiona Vaughn with Working Sheepdog – Hooligan Nell
- Angela Sallis with Crossbreed – Oliver the Dark One
- Alan Gardner with Border Collie – Touchango Again Girl

Large Dogs – England 'A' team comprising;

- Simon Peachey with Border Collie – Ag. Ch. For By For Turbo Diesel
- Lee Gibson with Border Collie – Taddymoor Jack
- Nicola Garrett with Border Collie – Woodsorrel Spectre

Such a terrific interest was shown in the Festival, that the organisers had to expand the showground to accommodate the increased numbers, schedule three extra competition rings, and appoint further judges to manage the increased demands.

Kennel Club Secretary, Caroline Kisko, commented, "We are delighted with the way the Festival went and we were so pleased to welcome competitors both local to the Festival and those from another continent! It was hugely enjoyable and word certainly seems to have spread that the Festival is shaping up to be a great event for everyone who loves Agility".

The International Agility Festival is sponsored by:



Diary dates

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Press office notes

Images are available from the Festival, and more detailed results, please contact the press office below.

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