

British Manchester Terrier Club – Spring 2024 Newsletter

Wispa

Firstly, we must congratulate one of our newer members who has had an introduction to Dog Shows that is truly worthy of a Disney Epic. The story of Wispa and Jenny Jones. A first time MT owner, in her first year of showing, qualifies for Crufts, young Wispa then has a life-threatening accident, but with love and the best of care recovers to win Best of Breed at Crufts! If it was in a film, we would all scoff and say it couldn't happen – but it did. So, hats off to Jenny and Wispa, and if your roller coaster continues, we trust it has much gentler dips in future!



Obreedience Team – Crufts 2024

We would also like to congratulate our Obreedience Team, Manchesters Re-United on their Crufts Runners Up result, just .25 of a point behind the winners. This is the third year running that they have been in the top four placings, with a team of genuine pedigree show dogs. Many of the other teams have handlers and dogs that specialise and work to a high level in pure Obedience, but it is teamwork that counts, and our little velociraptors have more than proved that they can pull together when it matters.

OBEDIENCE TEAM	TOTAL ON LEAD POINTS	HEARD TO BEE POINTS	100% ON BENCH POINTS	INTERPRETATION POINTS	SCORE	PERCENTAGE
THE LABRAPHOS	6.75	5.00	10.00	10.00	31.75	47.63
THE SUBVERSIVES	6.00	12.00	18.00	6.75	38.75	58.13
SMOKEY'S MIGHT	4.50	8.75	9.25	10.00	32.50	48.75
THE SCUMMERS	5.75	10.00	8.50	7.00	31.25	46.88
MANCHESTER'S REUNITED	5.50	10.00	10.00	7.50	33.00	49.50
THE SCUMMERS	2.75	5.00	10.00	10.00	27.75	41.25
THE WOODCOCKERS	5.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	35.00	52.50
STAFFORD STYL	5.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	35.00	52.50
THE LUMBERJACKS	3.75	10.00	5.00	7.50	26.25	39.38
THE WHISTLES	5.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	25.00	37.50

St George's Day Parade – Manchester – Sunday 21st April 2024

Looking forwards into 2024, we start with the annual trip around Manchester with the St Georges Day Carnival Parade on Sunday 21st April, meeting at around 11am on Varley Street, Miles Platting, M40 7AS. Final details will be posted on social media or contact Ann Harrison (✉ annandchrisharrison@tiscali.co.uk).

BMTC Fun Weekend – Friday 14th – Sunday 16th June 2024

A month earlier than normal due to venue availability, we have the 2024 BMTC Fun Weekend taking place at Drax Sports and Social Club, Selby YO8 8PJ from Friday 14th – Sunday 16th June.



We will follow the popular formula of fun and games on Friday night, then more fun and games on Saturday, plus Racing with the Harrisons, Agility with Julie and Judy and Flyball with the Minnikins.

Saturday night's entertainment comprises the Auction, which includes lots of items that you will never be able to find anywhere else – many MT related.



Sunday we are slightly more sober with the BMTC Limit Show (Judges Catherine Lomas and Gareth Brown) and the Companion Show (Judge Amy Brown.)

There is also, of course, the Famous Fancy Dress Competition, which leaves everything to the imagination.

We will have raffles (including the amazing Gwendon Raffle where you can win a stay in the beautiful Gwendon holiday home in Anglesey!!) and merchandise on sale.



We invite anyone who would like to bring a trade stand or attraction (Splat the Rat was very popular last year) to contact Garry Minnikin for details. Application forms for camping/caravanning and meals at special prices can be obtained from the 'Files' on the BMTC FB pages and the website.



If any member would like to get involved in helping over the Fun Weekend, then please do let Garry Minnikin (✉ bmtcfunweekend@gmail.com) or any committee member know. Offers to help with the events, or stewarding for one of the shows would be very much appreciated, it is the perfect opportunity to broaden your horizons in a relaxed and supportive event.

BMTC Championship Show – 6th October 2024

In October we are holding our second Championship Show of the year in partnership with the Vulnerable Native Breed show at the KC Building, Stoneleigh on Sunday 6th October. Our Judge is Mrs Victoria Crawford. This is a chance to enter two shows on one day at the same venue so we hope it will be well supported.



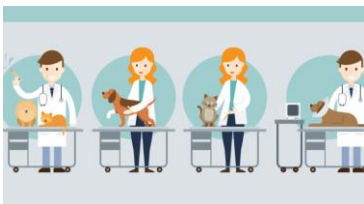
BMTC Breed Appreciation Day – 12th October 2024

Also in October we are holding our Breed Appreciation Day at Shenstone Village Hall, WS14 0LT, for anyone who is interested in learning more about the breed and judging. This Event is free thanks to the Nerolie De Lavis Trafford bequest for Breed Education. More information can be found on the website or from Carol Dunford (✉ c.dunford225@btinternet.com).

Following the AGM held at the beginning of April the officers and committee members for 2024 are as follows:

Lesley Olbinson	Garry Minnikin
Ann Harrison	Christy Straughan
Chris Boot	Bethany Cawley
Dianne Church	Carol Dunford
Dubhglas Grey	Chris Harrison
Elaine House	Liz Jones
Nigel Keates	Bev O'Neill
Judy Thurlow	Sonia Owczarek

Health Committee



It was also announced that following KC Rules, as there is now more than one Manchester Terrier Club, that the Breed Health Committee have had to become an independent body to support the needs of both Clubs, together with Manchester Terriers whose owners may not be members of either Club.

The BMTC will continue to work closely with the Breed Health Committee and our BMTC committee representative on the Breed Health Committee is Bethany Cawley.

The funds held by the BMTC will continue be used to benefit Manchester Terriers in need. The BMTC would like to reassure members that the money members have currently raised, together with any future funds that are raise, will be used entirely as intended, including continuing the research into Renal Failure in young dogs.





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Phil Margiotta Trophy

We are delighted to announce that the winner of the Phil Margiotta Trophy, which is awarded to a member who is not on the committee but has shown exceptional dedication and generosity to the Club during the year goes, to Paul Clarke (and Ruby).

Paul and Ruby undertook an epic walk Hadrian's Wall, which raised a fantastic £1683.81 for the Renal Failure fund. Paul's (and Ruby's) detailed and beautifully photographed log of their adventures he posted on Facebook kept us all feeling as if we were walking the Wall with him. The "Epic Walk" will also be featured in this year's Yearbook.



Betty Naphine Trophy



The Betty Naphine Trophy, which is given for long and loyal service to the Club is awarded to Nigel Norris (Brookstream). Nigel is an extremely well-respected authority on the breed, and still attends many Club events.

Nigel's wife Lesley tells us "We got our first Manchester in 1988, from Neroli de lavis Trafford, and after she had persuaded us to show we had our first Champion. We went on to have eight home bred Champions, plus a Champion bred by us but owned by someone else. Ch Brookstream Beamish held the breed record for a while with

23CCs, we were Top Breeders a few times and achieved Top Dog of the Year. Nigel has judged at Crufts and recently judged at the BMTC Ch show. We still have one MT, at 14 ½ years old."

We look forwards to presenting both trophies to the recipients at the Fun Weekend.

Manchester Terrier Mooches



There are more and more Mooches taking place around the country all of which are advertised on social media.

If you are not on Face Book and would like to find out more, please contact Lesley Olbinson ([✉leoolbie@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:leoolbie@yahoo.co.uk)) and she will put you in touch with the contact for your area.

BMTC Breed Stands



We also welcome new recruits to the Breed Promotion events – namely the Breed Stands held at Shows and Country Fairs throughout the year. If you are interested in representing the breed and your MT is polite when greeting strangers in a busy environment, please contact Ann Harrison ([✉annandchrisharrison@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:annandchrisharrison@tiscali.co.uk)) for more information.

The BMTC

Finally, this is YOUR Club, and we welcome your thoughts, so please do feel you can approach or contact your committee at any time if you have an idea to further the opportunities for Manchester Terriers and their staff. We all need to work together for our beautiful and very special breed.