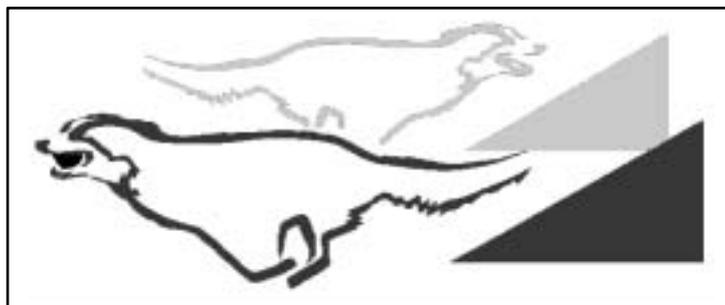


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**SUNDAY 10TH APRIL**

**THE SPORTS CONNEXION, COVENTRY**

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# Greetings Flyballers

## ***Welcome to 2005.***

Judging by the Diary, it's going to be a busy one, so I wish you all a happy, healthy and successful year.

My thanks to you for the kind comments regarding my first attempt at editing the Flyball Record. I must admit it was rather daunting going to Newark, armed with the Records ready for distribution, wondering how it would be received.

Of course, the Record is only as good as its contributors, so please keep your items rolling in, I'm happy to receive them any time. One point, if you e-mail, please make sure I know it's for the Record otherwise I may delete it thinking it's spam. (FR in the subject line will grab my attention.)

The one date as many members as possible should have in their diary is the **AGM**. I know most of us have a preconception of these meetings as being boring, but I have attended every **AGM** since I became a member and can honestly say that I have always found them to be lively occasions. They can be controversial at times, but unless members attend, changes to rules can be voted through by default. (A bit like government really.)

We should remember that Committee members are voluntary, voted on by the membership. It isn't always an easy task. Many of the Committee members re-stand when their two years have been completed, perhaps because not enough other members have agreed to be put forward; we (the members) rarely have to vote, and on occasion the committee have had to resort to co-opting. Ideally, the Committee members should be distributed throughout all areas, so that there is an equal distribution of views. Are you teetering on the brink of standing? Do you think you could make a contribution to our great organisation? Be brave, make the decision and go for it.

**Ed.**





This photograph confirms that the S.B.S. (Special Boob Squadron) did indeed strike again at Daventry, as per the November Flyball Record.

It is assumed that the F.I.B.S. [Flyball Investigators – (Boob Section)] have so far failed to trace the daring operatives who carried out this raid

As those involved remain at large, prepare for a third mission in flyball territory..

The F.I.B.S. has confirmed that there has been a temporary suspension of their investigations, due to a lack of tournaments during the winter season. There is the added problem of noise in the indoor venues that makes covert ‘earwiggling’ an impossibility.

However, planning meetings have been forging ahead with the formation of a Tournament Flagwatch Group, which will be performing under gazebo surveillance of this vulnerable target. The ‘dirty dog tricks’ section have been observed, supposedly playing together on the exercise areas, excitedly barking ideas at each other, but our canine lip reader has so far only been able to piece together one coherent comment. “Those S.B.S. had better watch where they’re treading!”

Will the daring S.B.S. make another audacious raid before the next issue of the Flyball Record or will the F.I.B.S. Flyball Flagwatch foil their attempts? Watch this space.



## AGM

Items for the Agenda and committee nominations must be received by the **10<sup>th</sup> March 2005**. These can be sent in writing to the Secretary or posted on the website via the Secretary’s page.

## OH ... WHAT A DAY!

It all started some months ago...

When I first heard of 'Flyball' I was informed it was awfully bad for the dogs! You **have** to *hype* up your dogs to a **frenzy**, which in turn causes the dogs to *bark* relentlessly. I was told the reason some dogs have *eye problems* is because of the pressure build up behind the eyes. They often *break legs* and *tear ligaments* and end up in a '*sorry state*' physically. Those that did Flyball were all in *cliques* and *not at all friendly* to outsiders or newcomers.

Then, Gill Frost of Rapidz asked me to accompany her to a training day with the Live Wires. I had nothing better to do that day and as my dog goes everywhere with me he came to keep me company during her training. It was a dismal, cold and windy day and I thought the best thing to do to keep both Pardo and myself warm would be to join in with the training. What harm could it do?

This was the start of things to come. Both Pardo and I found it to be 'fun', Oops! I thought I should not be having fun, my dog is going to have bad eyes, broken legs and torn ligaments. I am going to be cast aside for being a newcomer and not in with the 'in' crowd. But against my better judgement and all odds I carried on for the whole of the day. I found it to be so enjoyable and very informative. Pardo, my Spanish Water Dog, thought it was fantastic, he had never had so much fun. The training was excellent and believe it or not, friendly. After the training I was asked if Pardo could run in a Starter Team. I had no idea what this meant or what I was supposed to do but Gill advised me to try it, so the following weekend we raced. I did not need to hype him up he managed this all on his own!

We have raced a few times now, but on the Saturday at the Live Wires Tournament, a few of us in our wisdom decided to make up a new Starter Team consisting of Spanish Water Dogs, '**The Perros**'. I don't think I have laughed so much in a long time.

It started well. Pardo ran first, up the run and back, well sort of, then decided to play for the opposition before coming back to me. During this time the two brothers Kiko and Ruben decided to go up the run together and back to their respective owners whilst Rama did the deed perfectly!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> run was almost as entertaining. Pardo ran up and back, straight to me, what a good boy. Kiko ran up and back, but Ruben decided to play with his brother and not bother with the run at all. Rama did not get a run, hmmm.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> run was superb. Pardo ran up and back, then did a lap of honour. Kiko ran then Ruben, followed by Kiko and Pardo. Rama was flabbergasted, again she did not get a run, was totally annoyed with the boys and now wants to swap teams!

The following races were not quite as entertaining and we actually achieved the runs to perfection (for us), in a very creditable time of twenty-seven plus seconds. We celebrated as though we had won the tournament! A couple of the Pods' team members came up and thanked us for the entertainment. Not a problem, anytime! Honestly! We need a rematch anyway because Gill missed most of the entertainment by holding her head in her hands in dismay!

Unfortunately for all the spectators we were unable to stay for the run in the run-offs due to prior commitments. Sorry!

I would really like to thank all of you that are in "cliques, not at all friendly to outsiders or newcomers", for **not** turning up on that day. The people I met were wonderful and showed such good sportsmanship.

I would also like to thank the Live Wires for a wonderful day, certainly one of the best Flyball days I have been to. Our Judge, Mike, was fantastic. He was so patient and understanding. I only saw him throw his hands in the air once! Thank you.

During my short time gaining knowledge regarding this wonderful sport, I have met some great people and it is just such a pleasure to attend these events.

Pardo has definitely learnt how to bark and get hyped up but I think this is because he enjoys it as much as I do and we are relaxed within the company of like-minded people.

I must finish off with a warning: the collies must start pulling up their socks. **The Perro's are coming back!**

**JANET PEART & PARDO** (The Perro's)

### **THANK YOU NATALIE**

I would like to say a very big thank you to Natalie for running **Jack** in the Bristol ball-istics first team for most of the year. First I injured my knee at Market Harborough in January and had to have knee surgery, then, whilst on holiday in August, I fractured my ankle – not my year! **Jack** is a flyball fanatic and Natalie has made it possible for him to take part in the sport he loves so much. You are a STAR Natalie and **Jack** loves you to bits!

**June Smele** (Bristol Ball-istics)

### **DODGERS TOUGH DECISION**

We started in flyball when **Bonnie** was twelve months old with Peter and Delia giving us superb training with the **Pods**. The time came when Bonnie was forced to retire (after only twelve months flyball) due to tendonitis in her shoulders, hip dysplasia and arthritis. We would like to thank everyone who helped us through that period, especially Peter, Delia, and Chris and Lorraine Fulford. (Bonnie's just had to endure more surgery as one hip had dislocated!)

Then there was **Freddie** (bless him!). He only lasted a few months in flyball due to what we now know is Exercise Induced Collapse. He wasn't able to cope with training or competitions without collapsing.

So now we have **Teasel**, who, at the age of three has injured a shoulder ligament. Although it could get better and never bother her again, the thought of having to retire a third dog is too much.

There's also **Sporran**, the Westie ("I can do flyball - when I feel like it - but it's more fun saying hello to the box judges!").

So, for lots of reasons, after much discussion, we have decided to give up flyball to follow other interests.

We have met some very nice people during the last seven years and hope you all continue to enjoy your flyball.

The team will continue to run but under a new name and we hope they'll be given any help they might need until they get used to running their own team.

Remember, flyball is a hobby and you're supposed to enjoy hobbies. So don't let it get too serious and have FUN!

**Sue Owen and Chris Waddoups** (Dodgers)

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2005**

**ALL current memberships will fall due for renewal on:**

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2005.**

It is coming up for that time again and although it may be early to issue a reminder on this subject, a separate one-off Renewal Application Form is enclosed with this issue of the ***Flyball Record*** ready for use in a few weeks time. Please note that **New** members added to this Form at the time of renewal incur the £2.50 Joining Fee.

***You will notice that the Committee has added a section at the foot of the Form requiring agreement to abide by the Association's Current Rules & Policies and Code of Ethics to be signed and dated. As indicated, failure to do so will result in the Form being returned for completion before your membership can be renewed.***

All Team Captains are asked to ensure that New Member Applications and Lapsed Member Renewals from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2005 are made on the normal Membership Form available from the Website or from the Appendices in their Rule Book (accompanied by the correct Fee) and NOT on copies of the one-off Form.

***Will Primary Team Managers especially note the need to add a £2.00 fee for each Primary Team to the cheque covering their membership if they wish to retain their Team's place on the 'List of Teams to automatically receive Tournament Schedules' from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005. (Secondary Teams are automatically covered by this payment).***

Annual Fees remain at current year's levels:

**Single £12.00      Joint £18.00**

The limitation on voting rights continues to apply to Joint memberships where they cover more than two members residing at the same address.

Although the membership fees reduce month by month from the end of April, renewals after that date will, of course, require the addition of the £2.50 Lapsed Charge. Completed Forms and Cheques covering the fees should be sent to:

***British Flyball Association  
PO BOX 109  
PETERSFIELD  
GU32 1XZ***

Any queries, please contact Graham Nye on:

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# IF



If you can start the day without caffeine,

If you can get going without pep pills,

If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,

If you can overlook it when those you love take it out on you when, through no fault of yours,  
something goes wrong.

If you can take blame & criticism without resentment,

If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct them,

If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,

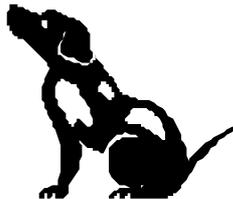
If you can face the world without lies and deceit,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

If you can relax without liquor,

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

Then... you are probably the family dog!



## Thank you

Alison Aubrey-Wilson would like to thank the members of the **Whiterose Flyball Teams** who helped **Jakob** and **Tryst** gain their **Flyball Dog** award, especially those members who helped this young pair through their teething problems and for running with them. Special thanks to Louise for all her extra help and praise.

## CANFORD PARK RESULTS – 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> October 2004

### DIVISION ONE – Judge Carla Lammas

|                 |                     |       |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Barkshire Bandits   | 17.22 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Bad Dog Racers      | 17.79 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Maple Leafs         | 17.34 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Barkshire Bullets   | 18.45 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Maple Leaf Raggers  | 18.49 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Bristol Ball-istics | 18.67 |

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Wayne O'Rourke

|                 |                             |       |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Bad Dog Meecos              | 18.56 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Basset Allsorts             | 19.34 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Dorset Diamonds             | 19.32 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Bristol Ball-istic Missiles | 19.66 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Barkshire Bandidos          | 20.84 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Ball Busters                | 21.34 |

### DIVISION THREE – Judge Sue Goddard

|                 |                              |       |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Maple Leaf Rockies           | 19.92 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Bristol Ball-istic Extrasets | 20.19 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Wolverines                   | 21.00 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Extrabuccs                   | 22.68 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Basset Jelly Babies          | 22.89 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Knight-Mares                 | 27.09 |



## 'OLD TIMERS' RETIRE

**Dusty, Snip** and I (Bob Austin) are regrettably retiring from the flyball scene, having not competed for the last two years.

We started Flyball with Bassett Allsorts back in the summer of 1994. We became members of the BFA in 1995 and started competing with the Allsorts team.

**Dusty** really got stuck into the sport and while not the fastest of dogs she was reliable. Under the guidance of Ann Alderman and Hillary Denyer the team came on really well. Each Tuesday evening through the summer we would meet to train in Hillary's Mum's garden. We all looked forward to these sessions.

In 1995 we took part in the BFA Summer Championships in Formula Three. This was my first big competition and I was very nervous. To my surprise, opposing team members were very supportive, helping newcomers get to grips with, in our case, judging the point where you release your dog to run and cross the start line without getting a light. Everyone was so friendly and I thought what a great sport to be in. I thought it was even better when we came third in Formula Three and collected a rosette and goody bags.

In 1997 we came 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division Four at Shepton Mallet. In 2000 the Bassett Allsorts came 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division Five and in 2001 were 1<sup>st</sup> in Division Four. We took part in some great competitions, won some, lost some, and had many close finishes. But win or lose we always came away smiling.

**Dusty** and I also took part in the Clever Dogs' competitions, running mainly in the pairs events, either with Andy and **Ben** or Robert and **Abby** of the Bassett Allsorts team. 2001 was a turning point for **Dusty** in Clever Dogs. We attained 1<sup>st</sup> place at Knebworth and 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Hampshire County show in May, 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Middlesex Show in June and 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Four Counties Show in August. It was at Blake Hall in October that **Dusty** had a problem. Warming up before going into the ring she was lacking the usual excitement she displayed. She always ran second and ran the flyball leg before going onto the agility section. This time she ambled up to the box turned and dropped the ball, picked it up again and came back slowly over the jumps. By this time the other team had completed the course. I told Robert there was something wrong. We set up to run again, the same thing happened again, but we continued onto the agility section. **Dusty** went through the tyre then sat down at the start of the weave poles and looked at me. I thought 'that's enough' and signalled to the judge that we were withdrawing. **Dusty** had that hang-dog look and I knew we had a problem.

The next day I took her to the vet and discovered she had fluid on the lung which was putting pressure on her heart. Once she received treatment she recovered fairly well but was never quite the same again and after a year she collapsed coming down the stairs at home. We made another trip to the vet and learned that now she had a heart problem. As a result she is taking medication twice a day.

**Dusty** reached her fourteenth birthday in December 2004 and is still taking life in her stride, a lovely old 'gal'.

**Snip**, our other dog does not like crowds but will perform when it's quiet, however, it never is these days. She has had her moments and has several rosettes.



So for us it's time to put away the balls.

To all those that may remember us and to all those who don't, best wishes for the future.

**Bob Austin, Dusty and Snip** (Ex-Bassett Allsorts)



Something to ponder over a cup of tea – or between races!



My first is in **FUN** but not in **ENJOY**,  
My second's in **FEMALE** but never in **BOY**,  
My next is in **YES** but rarely in **NO**,  
Once you've got it in **BOX** you'll never go **SLOW**!  
My fifth is in **ACHE** and also in **PAIN**,  
My sixth is in **HAIL** but never in **RAIN**,  
And lastly in **LOVE** I always will be  
With my favourite sport from over the sea!



**Pam Bowyer** (Molten Magnets)



**BFA AWARDS FOR THE CRAZIES  
GAINED DURING 2004**

**SILVER 10,000 POINTS**

Bob Haworth and **Sam**      Lynda Haworth and **Rolo**  
Kate Brazukas and **Blue**      Michele Hardy and **Tarn**

**FLYBALL DOG ADVANCED 5,000 POINTS**

Debbie Berry and **Yogi**      Michele Hardy and **Tarn**  
Helen Jobling and **Ben**      Helen Ward and **Bracken**

**FLYBALL DOG GRADUATE 3,000 POINTS**

Tracey Hardy and **Millie**      Helen Jobling and **Ben**  
Helen Ward and **Bracken**      Lynn Hillary and **Teko**  
Charlie Berry and **Hope**

**FLYBALL DOG INTERMEDIATE 1,000 POINTS**

Claire Mills and **Blue**      Sandra Hardy and **Meg**  
Charlie Berry and **Hope**      Helen Ward and **Bracken**  
Michele Hardy and **Glen**      Jessica Mills and **Buddy**  
Brenda Hollis and **Ace**      Malcolm Hardy and **Bobby**

**FLYBALL DOG 200 POINTS**

Jessica Mills and **Buddy**      Tracey Hardy and **Kai**  
Brenda Hollis and **Wyst**      Charlie Berry and **Nikki**

**WELL DONE & GOOD LUCK FOR 2005!**

## TO YOUR DOG YOU ARE GOD

The most unselfish living thing in the world is your dog. If you are in danger, your dog needs only to hear your cry of distress to rush to your aid, without thought of his own life, fearless of guns and enemies.

The most patient thing in the world is your dog, waiting for hours at your door to hear the sound of your footsteps, never complaining, however long you may be.

The most grateful thing in the world is your dog. Whatever you give him, whatever you do for him, he is never guilty of ingratitude. A pat of the hand, a softly spoken word from you is golden pay. To him you are the most powerful personage in his world and beyond censure. You are your dog's god; you can do no wrong.

The most friendly thing in the world is your dog. Of all the animal kingdom, he alone serves man without whip, without compulsion, glad to be by the side of his master, wherever he may be, whatever he may do, and sad in heart when his master is away.

The most forgiving thing in the world is your dog. The one virtue most humans lack is that of forgiveness, but your dog carries no grudge and no spite. Punish him even undeservedly and he comes to you, nudges his moist nose against your hand, looks up at you with pleading eyes and wags his tail hesitatingly as though to say, 'Oh, come on, lets be pals again.'

The most loyal thing in the world is your dog. Whether you come home from Parliament or from jail, whether you have lost your income or made a million. Whether you return dressed in fashion's splendour or in wretched rags, whether you have been hailed a hero or condemned as a criminal, your dog is waiting for you with a welcome bark of delight, a wagging tail and a heart that knows no guilt.

The world likes dogs because dogs are the nearest to moral perfection of all living things.

With thanks to **Sue Blyth** (Live Wires). From Dog World 1968.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Claire Garvey** of the **Grasshoppers** flyball team on gaining her **Molecular Science Degree** at Huddersfield University in November 2004. Claire took up flyball as a way of getting away from her continuous studies. She took over "**Conti**" who used to be raced by me (her mum) in November 2003 and has since gained a further title with him and is just 3 points short of his next title Flyball Dog Advanced (FDA).

Good luck for the future love, Mum and Dad (**Susan and Martyn Garvey**).

### MY COMPLIMENTS TO THE EDITOR

I would like to congratulate Val on her first, superb edition of the Flyball Record (November 2004).

After 4 ½ years as editor it was surprisingly more difficult to 'pass over' than I had realised it would be. However, I can now happily 'let go', confident in the knowledge that it will continue and prosper in Val's capable hands.

**JEAN MEEKING**

**NEW COLLAR** This should be 'customised' as soon as possible. The task is to change its colour and get it to the right stickiness, thus ensuring that no one will want to grab hold of it.

## NEWARK RESULTS – 13<sup>TH</sup> November 2004

### DIVISION ONE – Judge Doreen Smith

|                 |                          |       |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Molten Marvels           | 18.84 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Molten Muzzles           | 19.24 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Wellingboro' Red Wellies | 20.01 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Cheshire Set             | 19.99 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Nuneaton Bees            | 20.06 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Wakefield Tykes          | 20.57 |

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Dave Long

|                 |                         |       |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Wellingboro' Red Arrows | 20.33 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Blackpool Super Nova    | 20.72 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Four Runners            | 20.60 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Kellington Power Racers | 20.83 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Molten Munsters         | 20.81 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Nova Next Generation    | 22.61 |

### DIVISION THREE – Judge Val Currie

|                 |                        |       |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Nuneaton Dodgers       | 20.17 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Wakefield Terror Tykes | 21.72 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Wolf Pack              | 21.52 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Wolverines             | 21.62 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Fylde Coasters         | 21.88 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Yorkshire Bouncers     | 22.14 |

### DIVISION FOUR – Judge Antony Cain

|                 |                      |       |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Dog Friendly Flyers  | 22.35 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | The Giga Bytes       | 23.03 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Yorkshire Racers     | 23.66 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Whiterose Curlytails | 23.65 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Fylde Surfers        | 25.08 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Scally wags          | NFC   |

## JUDGE'S REPORT

November, Newark and the weather was lovely! Competitors were even able to eat their lunch 'basking' in the sunshine. (It must be due to global warming.)

I was privileged to be asked to judge Division Three on both days of this, as usual, well organised tournament. Both days gave us a mixture of close racing and the need to overcome problems, always with a supportive friendly atmosphere. It was good to see inexperienced ring party members being mentored by Nuneaton members, thus ensuring that everything ran smoothly.

On Saturday, the **Nuneaton Dodgers** were in good form to take 1<sup>st</sup> place, with **Wakefield Terror Tykes**, **Wolf Pack**, **Wolverines** and **Fylde Coasters** battling it out for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> place. **Yorkshire Bouncers** worked well but were lacking in speed today.

On Sunday, all the teams worked hard during the morning session to try and finish the division before we held the two minutes silence for Remembrance Day. (Time beat us by one leg!) This time the first four teams were very closely matched, but the victorious **Barney Owlers** ran splendidly to clinch their 1<sup>st</sup> place in front of the **Red Rose Rebels**, **Bristol Ball-istic Extraset** and **Crazy Catapults**. **Doncaster Swift Stars** and **Break-Aways (UK)** were outpaced, but not disgraced.

At the end of each day we were entertained by the strains of Nellie the Elephant amid much laughter from the Nuneaton members. See pages 14 & 15 to find out why!

**VAL CURRIE** (Molten Magnets)

## NEWARK RESULTS – 14<sup>TH</sup> November 2004

### DIVISION ONE – Judge Doreen Smith

|                 |                     |       |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Molten Magnets      | 18.36 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Dodgers             | 18.78 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Nuneaton Flyers     | 18.77 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Sheffield Speeders  | 19.33 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Sherwood Outlaws    | 20.11 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Bristol Ball-istics | 19.02 |

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Robert Henshall

|                 |                       |       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Doncaster Belle Stars | 19.36 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Crazy Comets          | 19.68 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Molten Monarchs       | 19.75 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Molten Metals         | 20.06 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Jammie Dodgers        | 20.98 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Ruff Runners          | 20.28 |

### DIVISION THREE – Judge Val Currie

|                 |                             |       |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Barney Owlers               | 20.33 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Red Rose Rebels             | 20.45 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Bristol Ball-istic Extraset | 20.74 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Crazy Catapults             | 20.60 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Doncaster Swift Stars       | 22.31 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Break-Aways (UK)            | 22.86 |

### DIVISION FOUR – Judge Bob Haworth

|                 |                    |       |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Nuneaton Ospreys   | 21.71 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Gofours            | 21.64 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Start-Rite Wizards | 24.49 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Barking Owlers     | 23.88 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Box Raiders        | 22.52 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Sheffield Shooters | 27.83 |



# British Flyball Association

## Notice of Annual General Meeting

To be held at The Sports Connexion, Leamington Rd,  
Ryton-on-Dunsmore, Coventry, CV8 3FL  
on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2005 commencing at 10.00am

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the British Flyball Association will be held at The Sports Connexion, Coventry, on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2005, commencing at 10.00am. All current members are cordially invited to attend.

Nominations for membership of the Committee and all proposals for inclusion in the Agenda must be received by the Secretary on or before 10<sup>th</sup> March 2005.

Dog exercise area will be available.

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### Directions to Venue

The venue is situated just off the A45 at the Junction of the A445/A423 roundabout at Ryton-on-Dunsmore, near Coventry and is close to the main motorway network.

**FROM: M1 Northbound** (J17/M45), **M1 Southbound** (J21/M69 to A46), **M6** (J2/A46), **M40** either (J11/A423) or (J15/A46).

More detailed information can be found using postcode CV8 3FL on [www.multimap.com](http://www.multimap.com).

A map of the location will be posted on the website associated with this notice.

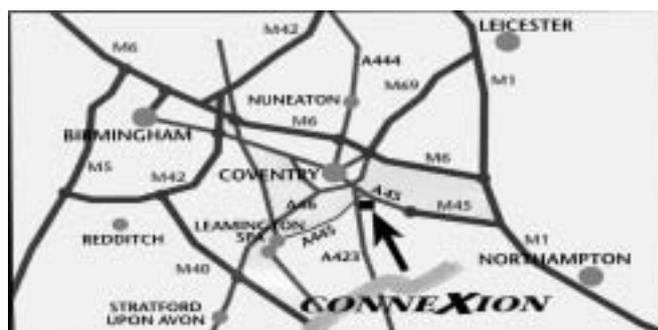
If lost telephone: Penny Charlton 07708 458742

Judy Parker 07958 578051

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Due to restrictions imposed on us by the venue, unfortunately, we will not be able to supply food or tea and coffee. There is a canteen available for your use, but it might be advisable to supply your own refreshments.

**For more information phone Penny Charlton (BFA Secretary)  
01753 620110 or mobile 07708 458742**



# WARNING NEW THREAT TO FLYBALL TEAMS FOR 2005

We have all done it at some time, that is, won an absolutely useless, ugly prize on a tomobla stall, that has obviously done the rounds for a long, long time from raffle to raffle. Most of us manage to leave it behind somewhere at the event, but you know us Flyers always wanting to support our fellow team members. So, when a member won this totally horrible pot elephant, it was duly returned to him – time and time again during the day.

Anyway it has now become a “thing” with us that Nellie, as she is now known, (originality was missing when she was named) is passed from person to person surreptitiously, hidden in the vans, cages or caravans. This has gone on for some months, and Nellie has been on holiday to Devon for two weeks, and has just returned from Las Vegas. She was left in the hire van we had for the Newark tournament and was broken, but we rescued her again. Now we have confirmed what most of you thought of us, yes we are a few sandwiches short of a picnic, and if we spent more time training and less time messing about we might win more often! If you find Nellie, the aim is very easy, pass it on to some one else without them realizing it, and then see how long it takes for them to find it. Simple really, just like us!

What you have to do when you find it is make up a poem, circulate it, and pass the damn thing on at the earliest opportunity.

A couple of examples of our poems are shown below – Shelley they ain’t but you get the drift...

Nellie the elephant’s been raised from the dead  
Put back her body onto her head  
With loads of glue and lots paste  
She was repaired with so much haste  
Now she needs a new caring home  
Where she will never again be alone  
So watch out San and watch out Dave  
She knows where to go for a damn good rave!



Oh Joy Oh Glee I am really glad  
Nellie the elephant is back with her Dad  
Nothing and no one that’s right in the head  
Could think it’s the end and that she was Dead  
She was lost and now is found  
Her bumps and scrapes have been tightly bound  
In need of loving care and after looking  
But PLEASE NOT building up on Pamela’s cooking!



Nellie the elephant’s gone very quiet  
Is she away on a pre Christmas diet?  
Will she turn up in a miniscule thong?  
Looking sleek and sexy and singin’ a song  
Is she lost or is she found?  
Is she hot or is she cold?  
Or maybe she has... oh no! returned to my fold.



Nellie the elephant is now bored,  
She wants to expand where she is toured.  
Maybe hill or maybe dale,  
Or maybe just a night on the ale.  
Will it be Warks or will it be Staffs  
Or will it be to another team's gaffs?  
But wherever she goes it is just for laughs,  
So lock your vans and lock your cars  
Or she may end up behind your bars.  
If you find her, keep her safe and sound  
She's worth a fortune (well at least a pound)  
Then return her to the Flyers team  
With a poem to make us scream,



This pass the parcel has resulted in paranoia within the team, with keys to vans being guarded to the point of violence and no one leaves vans unattended when we know she has been located and is looking for a new resting place.

Now we come to the crunch - Nellie is bored with us lot and just may be going to turn up with other teams over the next season. So be on your guard, she just might be put in your car or caravan for a holiday away with another team, and we will see how long it takes for the new breed of homing elephant to return to a member of the Nuneaton Team.

**Chris Thompstone** (Nuneaton Flyers)



Nellie enjoying her holiday in Hawaii with John and Marjorie Blackford.

## HELPFUL HINTS

**Great Hint** for The Monster (a.k.a. The Vacuum): When dealing with the vacuum cleaner, casually step over the cord and drag your back leg over the cord. This part will take much bravery, but will work! You have to muster courage now! This act will unplug the **'BEAST'** from the wall and render it harmless. Then give your human your saddest look! "What did I do?"

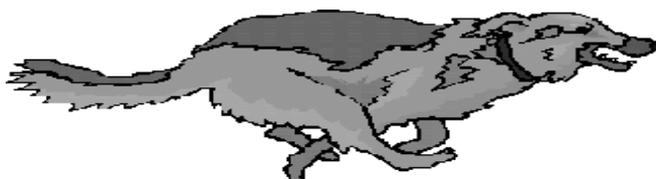
## THE B.F.A. DIARY 2005

Key – Cl.D = Closing date for entry O = Open LO = Limited Open M = Multibreed LM = Limited\_Multibreed

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| March 19 <sup>th</sup><br>March 20 <sup>th</sup>                  | <b>Market Harborough, Leics</b> Molten Magnets<br><b>Teams may enter either Sat. or Sun.</b><br>Contact – <i>Judy Parker Tel. 02476 404266</i>  | LO (24 Teams)<br>CLD 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb        |
| March 25/26/27 <sup>th</sup><br>March 28 <sup>th</sup>            | <b>Selby Game Fair</b> Yorkshire Bouncers<br><b>Carlton Towers, Yorks</b><br>Contact – <i>Betty Potts Tel. 01757 703233</i>   | LO (48 Teams)<br>M<br>CLD 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb.  |
| March 27 <sup>th</sup><br>March 28 <sup>th</sup>                  | <b>Thame Country Show</b> Barkshire Bandits<br>Contact – <i>Penny Charlton Tel. 01753 620110</i>  | LO (36 Teams)<br>CLD 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb.       |
| SUN 10 <sup>th</sup> April  | <b>B.F.A Annual General Meeting</b> BFA Committee<br><b>The Sports Connexion, Coventry</b><br>Contact – <i>BFA Secretary Penny Charlton Tel. 01753 620110</i>   | All members<br>welcome                           |
| April 16 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Rose &amp; Crown, Portway, W.Midlands</b> Wolf Pack<br>Contact – <i>Anne Johnson Tel. 0121 4431535</i>   | LO (18 Teams)<br>CLD 2 <sup>nd</sup> April       |
| April 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>April 24 <sup>th</sup>                  | <b>Anglesey Show Ground, Mona</b> Pods<br><b>Tai Lawr, Anglesey</b> Teams may enter either Sat. or Sun.<br><i>A possible change under discussion subject to approval of show sec.</i><br>Contact – <i>Peter Roberts Tel. 01407 810610</i> | LO (24 Teams)<br>CLD 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar.       |
| April 23/24 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>Tunbridge Wells Game Fair</b> Barkshire Bandits<br>Contact – <i>Penny Charlton Tel. 01753 620110</i>   | LO (36 Teams)<br>CLD 26 <sup>th</sup> March      |
| April 30 <sup>th</sup> /May1 <sup>st</sup><br>May 2 <sup>nd</sup> | <b>Middle Farm, Bredbury, Cheshire</b> The Northern Bytes<br><br>Contact – <i>Doreen Smith Tel. 0161 4940787</i>  | LO (36 Teams)<br>M<br>CLD 30 <sup>th</sup> March |
| May 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup>                              | <b>Knebworth Country Show</b> Barkshire Bandits<br>Contact – <i>Penny Charlton Tel. 01753 620110</i>  | LO (36 Teams)<br>CLD 2 <sup>nd</sup> April       |
| May 7/8 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>Prissick Base, Middlesbrough</b> Crazy Cannons<br>Contact – <i>Kate Brazukas Tel. 01642 652270</i>   | LO (36 Teams)<br>CLD 6 <sup>th</sup> April       |
| May 14/15 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>Pickering Game &amp; Country Fair</b> Wakefield Tykes<br>Contact – <i>Kath Robson Tel. 01977 662904</i>  | LO (36 Teams)<br>CLD 8 <sup>th</sup> April       |
| May 14 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Paddock Wood Country Show, Kent</b> Barkshire Bandits<br>Contact – <i>Penny Charlton Tel. 01753 620110</i>   | LO (36 Teams)<br>CLD 16 <sup>th</sup> April      |
| May 20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup>                            | <b>Sutton Fields, Runcorn, Cheshire</b> Live Wires<br>Contact – <i>Anne Alcock Tel. 01925 267274</i>  | LO (38 Teams)<br>CLD 23 <sup>rd</sup> April      |
| May 28/29 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>Arley Country Fair, Cheshire</b> Cheshire Set<br>Contact – <i>Vera Edge Tel. 01565 873390</i>  | LO (42 Teams)<br>CLD 28 <sup>th</sup> April      |
| May 28/29 <sup>th</sup><br>May 30 <sup>th</sup>                   | <b>Eggborough, Yorks</b> Yorkshire Bouncers<br><br>Contact – <i>Betty Potts Tel. 01757 703233</i>   | LO (48 Teams)<br>M<br>CLD 7 <sup>th</sup> May    |
| May 29/30 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>Broadlands Country Show, Hamps.</b> Barkshire bandits<br>Contact – <i>Penny Charlton Tel. 01753 620110</i>   | LO (36 Teams)<br>CLD 30 <sup>th</sup> April      |
| June 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup>                             | <b>Royal Bath &amp; West Show</b> Barkshire Bandits<br>Contact – <i>Penny Charlton Tel. 01753 620110</i>  | LO (36 Teams)<br>CLD 6 <sup>th</sup> May         |
| June 4/5 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Tabley Game Fair, Cheshire</b> Cheshire Set<br>Contact – <i>Vera Edge Tel. 01565 873390</i>  | LO (42 Teams)<br>CLD 4 <sup>th</sup> May         |
| June 11/12 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Daventry, Northants</b> Molten Magnets<br>Contact – <i>Judy Parker Tel. 02476 404266</i>   | LO (54 Teams)<br>CLD 12 <sup>th</sup> May        |
| June 18/19 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Nuneaton Rugby Club, Warks</b> Nuneaton Flyers<br>Contact – <i>Pamela Harrison Tel. 01827 707293</i>   | LO (54 Teams)<br>CLD 18 <sup>th</sup> May        |
| June 25/26 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Cantley Park, Doncaster</b> Doncaster Belle Stars<br>Contact – <i>Debbie Holding Tel. 01302 562969</i>   | LO (42 Teams)<br>CLD 20 <sup>th</sup> May        |
| June 25/26 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Sandringham Country Show</b> Barkshire Bandits   | LO (36 Teams)                                    |

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| July 2/3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Askham Bryan, Yorks                 | Wakefield Tykes              | LO (36 Teams)                |
| July 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>July 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Moreton Morrell, Warks              | Barkshire Bandits            | LO (48 Teams)                |
| July 9/10 <sup>th</sup>   | Ryecroft Farm, Cheshire             | Cheshire Set                 | LO (42 Teams)                |
| July 9/10 <sup>th</sup>   | Saul Playing Fields, South Glos.    | Bristol Ball-istics          | O                            |
| July 16 <sup>th</sup><br>July 17 <sup>th</sup>  | Portway, W. Midlands                | Wolf Pack                    | LO (30 Teams)<br>M           |
| July 23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup>   | Eggborough, Yorks                   | Yorkshire Bouncers           | LO (48 Teams)                |
| July 23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup><br>July 25<br>July 27/28 <sup>th</sup><br>July 30 <sup>th</sup> | Tai Lawr, Anglesey                  | Pods                         | O<br>M<br>O<br>LO (24 Teams) |
| July 30 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup>   | Whitewater, Nth. Warnboro' Hants    | Buccaneers                   | O                            |
| August 6/7 <sup>th</sup>  | York Racecourse, Yorks              | Wakefield Tykes              | LO (42 Teams)                |
| August 13/14 <sup>th</sup>  | Nuneaton Rugby Club, Warks          | Nuneaton Flyers              | LO (54 Teams)                |
| August 20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup>   | Daventry, Northants. Summer Champ.  | BFA Committee                | 54 Teams                     |
| August 27/28 <sup>th</sup><br>August 29 <sup>th</sup>   | Tatton Park, Cheshire               | The Northern Bytes           | LO (36 Teams)<br>M           |
| August 28 <sup>th</sup>   | Stoneleigh, Warks                   | Molten Magnets               | LO (24 Teams)                |
| September 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup>  | Bakewell Showground, Derbys.        | Sherwood Outlaws/Shef. Spee. | LO (36 Teams)                |
| September 10/11 <sup>th</sup>   | Wyevale Gdn. Centre, Blkp'l, Lancs. | Red Rose Rockets             | LO (40 Teams)                |
| September 17/18 <sup>th</sup>   | Sutton Fields, Cheshire             | Live Wires                   | LO (38 Teams)                |
| September 24/25 <sup>th</sup>   | Canford Park, Paws in the Park      | Barkshire Bandits            | LO (36 Teams)                |
| September 24/25 <sup>th</sup>   | Drax Sports & Social Club Yorks.    | Kellington Power Racers      | LO (40 Teams)                |
| October 8 <sup>th</sup>   | Portway, W. Midlands                | Wolf Pack                    | LO (18 Teams)                |
| November 12 <sup>th</sup><br>November 13 <sup>th</sup>  | Newark, Notts                       | Nuneaton Flyers              | LO (24 Teams)                |
| November 20 <sup>th</sup>   | Maidstone, Kent                     | Ballbusters                  | LO (24 Teams)                |

*Would all Tournament Organisers please make sure they have approval from the Show Secretary before issuing Schedules.*



### MAIDSTONE RESULTS – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2004

#### DIVISION ONE – Judge Roy Hiscock

|                 |                   |       |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Barkshire Bandits | 17.82 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Shooting Stars    | 18.30 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Bad Dog Racers    | 18.12 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | The Jumping Jacks | 18.16 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Barkshire Bullets | 18.49 |

#### DIVISION TWO – Judge Penny Charlton

|                 |                      |       |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Maple Leaf Ragers    | 19.04 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Bad Dogs On The Run  | 19.29 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Trying 4 Mutts       | 19.51 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Cracker Jacks        | 19.46 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Snatch 'n' Grab      | 19.41 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Shooting Star Jokers | 20.59 |

#### DIVISION THREE – Judge Gwain Theobald

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|-----------------|--------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Maple Leaf Rockies | 20.23 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Barkshire Bandidos | 20.70 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Four Bad Dogs      | 19.61 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Fun 4 Mutts        | 21.04 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Ace's High         | 20.73 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Ball Busters       | 21.23 |

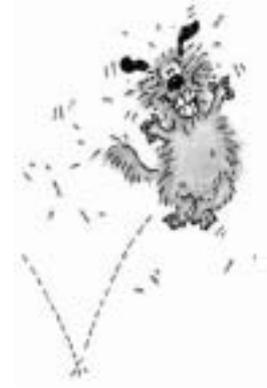
#### DIVISION FOUR – Judge Chris Fulford

|                 |                      |       |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Shooting Star Rebels | 21.64 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | The Flap Jacks       | 21.88 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Ball Buster Bandits  | 22.17 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Underdogs            | 23.48 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Ace's Win            | 23.30 |

## Paws 4 Thought.



My name is Missy Moo  
I live at Nyth-Y-Dryw (Neath a Drew)  
A Paws dog I use to be  
Until my Mum did rescue me  
So a Pods I became  
Who learnt to play the Flyball game  
Now I don't always get it right  
I often give my Mum a fright  
But after all, it's loads of fun  
That's what it's about, isn't it Mum?



Oops Mum said if I don't start behaving  
I could become a Paws dog again!

**Brenda Holland** (Pods)

### THANKS

Many thanks to the Bristol Ball-istics for the lovely, framed certificate, cake and card you presented to me on achieving my Platinum Award. It was such a surprise and much appreciated. My thanks to my team-mates past and present for helping me reach this milestone with **Jack**. Here's to more racing in 2005.

**June Smele** and **Jack** (Bristol Ball-istics)

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To **Sandra** (Risky Rothwell) and (beady-eyed)  
Poppy—who just **ADORES** the challenge of beating the last  
dog in the other lane!

To **Martine** (Red Hot Potts) and (dapper-chap)  
**Billy**—who has always given 110% as our  
Anchor man(dog)!

Very well done -we are all **SO** proud of you!

Loadsa Love from all your  
Team-mates—**FLYING COLOURS**



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# Your Committee News

*A few points arising from the Committee Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2004*

## **B.F.A. Lights**

Martin Pollard's lights have been tested and worked well, therefore a set will be purchased. The BFA lights need to be standardised so that they can all be set with the lanes 20 feet apart.

## **History of the Association**

This is well in hand. Wayne has spoken to Anton and others.

## **Membership Secretary**

The membership secretary has reported that the current membership is 998 with 83 teams (the highest number ever) on the schedule list. Membership fees are to remain the same for 2005.

## **Summer Championship 2005**

Qualification to be for all shows starting from Easter to 31<sup>st</sup> July inclusive with 9 shows to be attended

## **Height Cards and Measuring**

The application form is to be signed by **FOUR DIFFERENT** judges at **THREE** separate tournaments.

## **Annual Awards**

Border Collie/Working Sheepdog to 20<sup>th</sup> place.

Crossbreed to 15<sup>th</sup> place.

All other breeds will be in one category to 10<sup>th</sup> place.

Dog/Bitch/Team of the year etc. will remain the same (to 3<sup>rd</sup> Place).

## **Junior Competitor Award**

As a trial this new award will start from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005, and it will initially only include dog handling and box loading.

This award will be open to two age categories, 7 – 11 and 12 – 16 inclusive, taking the age of the handler as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2005. (The age range may be reviewed at a later date depending on the number of participants in each age group.)

At each tournament the junior handler must nominate the dog and/or team they will run/box load for. Each junior and registered owner of the dog must be a fully paid-up member of the BFA. A junior will achieve one point for box loading and one point for running a dog at each show entered. These points will be added together to give the final total for the year.

There will be a master sheet available on the booking in desk for competitors to fill in on the day, before racing commences. This sheet will be returned to Penny Charlton (Junior Award Co-ordinator) at the end of the show, if present, or by post after the show. The judges of the divisions in which the junior has competed must sign the form. When completed, the show organiser must also sign the form. If the junior wishes to keep his or her own record there is a form available on the website. At each show the junior must inform the judge of their division, before the start of racing, that they intend to compete for this award. All competitors must fill in a registration form and send this back to the co-ordinator before the first show entered, or within 14 days.

**NB.** The Team captain is responsible for ensuring that any junior can safely undertake the task allocated. The judge has ultimate discretion to exclude any junior competitor on safety grounds.

## **FIRST FLYBALL POINTS**

My name is **Sam** and my brother is **Frodo**. We are four-year-old black and white Springer Spaniels and we are part of the newly formed **Dolphins** team. By the way, if you ask, we are named after the Lord of the Rings books, NOT THE FILMS!

We haven't been flyball racing very long and until now have only run in starter competitions. On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2004 we entered our first open competition with our team-mates **Flash, Polly** and **Barney**.

We had to get up early to be in Anglesey for 8am so that we could be measured. **Frodo** went first but, as usual, he started getting excited and wouldn't stay still so they called him "un-measurable". Then it was my turn. I was accused of 'leaning' so mum stuck her knee into my shoulder to make me stand up straight. I didn't like all those people crowding round me so I peed on the floor. That will teach them! As I had got a measure they had another go with **Frodo**. Auntie Chris, who is our team-mate **Flash's** Mum, helped Dad hold **Frodo** still and he eventually got the same measure as me. Everybody has said they think **Frodo** is bigger than me, but I think that's because he is rangy while I am cuddly.

Before the morning's racing started a decision had to be made as to whether we were going to run 'not for competition'. This was because the week before at our training session, both **Frodo** and I would not return over the jumps with the ball. Our owners and our team captain Steve even tried putting netting by the side of the jumps, but we just ran around that too. Anyway they decided we would have a go and only pull out of the competition if we started running out. "After all" said Steve "we just want to enjoy ourselves – there's no pressure to win." Boy, were they surprised! Both of us ran perfectly in the first race but the other team was faster than us. However, in our second race we again ran correctly and won. You should have seen our owners' faces. They couldn't believe it. Steve gave them and us lots of praise. He said "whatever you are doing team keep it up, because it is working". We also recorded a time of 25.47seconds, which means we have gained our first flyball points.

We had two more races in the afternoon. We weren't as good as in the morning. We did run out a couple of times and, as is usual for **Frodo**, he knocked down and broke one of the jumps. But overall our team did manage to win two of our races, which meant we came second in our division and won a lovely rosette each. Apparently there are two more competitions in Anglesey in January and February so we are going to return and try to better our time and earn more flyball points. Steve says we have to aim to break 25 seconds. So much for "no pressure"

**Congratulations** to our team-mate **Flash** on achieving **Flyball Dog**.

**Mike and Angela Bolton** (Dolphins)

### **SILVER AWARDS**

**Congratulations** to Natalie and **Tess**, and Joy and **Nellie** who both received their **Silver Award** during the year. You both ran well in all the competitions. I would like to wish **Nellie** a speedy recovery after having major eye surgery. We look forward to seeing her back racing again soon.

**June Smele and Jack** (Bristol Ball-istics)

**BICYCLES:** Two-wheeled exercise machines, invented for dogs to control body fat. To get maximum aerobic benefit, you must hide behind a bush and dash out, bark loudly and run alongside for a few yards; the person then swerves and falls into the bushes and you prance away.

## ANGLESEY RESULTS – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2004

### DIVISION ONE – Judge Maria Brennan

|                 |                    |       |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Molten Magnets     | 18.80 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Live Wires         | 19.66 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Podsters           | 18.78 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Cheshire Set       | 19.82 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Rapidz             | 20.40 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Mansfield Marnicks | NFC   |

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Molly Hart

|                 |                       |       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Podlets               | 20.24 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Molten Metals         | 20.15 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Wire Springs          | 20.62 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Doncaster Belle Stars | 20.49 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Wires A-Live          | 21.42 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Leaping Dolphins      | 22.62 |

### DIVISION THREE – Judge Val Currie

|                 |                           |       |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Timber Wolves             | 21.54 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Podlings                  | 21.75 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Wire Connection           | 23.24 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Thors Rovers              | NFC   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Scratch Team (see report) | NFC   |

### DIVISION FOUR – Judge Steven Leek

|                 |                 |       |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Spa Colours     | 21.90 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Peas in a Pod   | 23.35 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Podlers         | 24.75 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Rapidz Responz  | 26.25 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Thorne Troopers | NFC   |

### DIVISION FIVE – Judge Anne Alcock

|                 |                  |       |
|-----------------|------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Fizzy Colours    | 23.03 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Dancing Dolphins | 25.93 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Podangles        | 26.94 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Podextras        | 29.22 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Packington Pods  | NFC   |

## ANGLESEY TOURNAMENT (December 11<sup>th</sup> 2004)

We undertook the four-hour journey to Anglesey in December not just because we get Flyball withdrawal symptoms but to see our friends the Pods, as we were once Pods ourselves, until they moved up North.

The weather had been dry all week so we were hopeful that as long as we wore all our thermals we would cope with the inevitable cold weather Wales usually throws at us. However as soon as we crossed the Britannia Bridge into Anglesey it started to rain and rained all that Friday evening as we set ourselves up in the caravan.

However, the next day we were pleased the rain had stopped but were a bit disappointed that the cold, bitter weather we had expected didn't appear. We experienced dry and mild temperatures and had to peel off all those extra thermals.

Once again the **Pods** provided a lovely Christmas Tournament and I would like to **THANK ALL** those super Flyballers who helped us throughout the show as we were a bit 'short staffed'. It's always one of those Tournaments where only the 'hardy' go, what with it being winter and that busy time of the year. We weren't the only ones short of the necessary hands needed to run a team but everyone helped everyone else and that always adds to the Christmas spirit and the camaraderie of Flyball.

A big **THANK YOU** to the Pods for an enjoyable time, you had so many new teams running but coped superbly.

**JEAN MEEKING** (Molten Magnets)

### STOP PRESS:

### CONGRATULATIONS JEAN & CHICA.

The **Magnets** intrepid few decided to trek to Anglesey again for the January show in order to ensure that **Chica** would be the first dog to gain **40,000** points, in the 'lap of the **Pods**'. All of us are former **Pods** members, and were overjoyed when the momentous achievement took place during our race against the **Podsters** in Division Two.



## HEAD JUDGE'S REPORT



### Anglesey Christmas Tournament - 11 December 2004

This is always a terrific, friendly and full of fun show that is a great favourite for many teams, including ours. So I felt very honoured to be asked to be Head Judge and to judge Division One as well. Upon an early arrival (7.30 am), most of the preparations had been completed, including the fab. Chuck Wagon that we have all come to know and love at the Anglesey Showground. A few minor problems with the dampness affecting the matting caused only a slight delay to the start of racing and then we were off and running.

Division Five was first off with no less than three Pods teams! The **Packington Pods** (who were really a starter team) ran NFC but had every reason to feel proud of themselves. The **Podextras** started slowly but pulled out all the stops and bagged a win in their third race, giving them 4<sup>th</sup> place. **Podangles** began the day well with two wins but seemed to lose some of their form in the afternoon and finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. The **Dancing Dolphins** had a great day, winning three of their four races to give them a very creditable 2<sup>nd</sup> place. They were toppled from a 1<sup>st</sup> place by some very strangely-clad females in multi-coloured wigs, calling themselves **Fizzy Colours**! Well done to all the teams in Division Five, especially for the giggles and entertainment.

Next was Division Four, also with some less experienced teams that included **Thorne Troopers** who ran NFC but seemed to have a good time anyway. **Rapidz Responz** came to this event with all their fingers and toes crossed, knowing they were running some 'unpredictable' dogs and (even though they did have one or two hiccups) as always, they smiled their way through it and had lots of fun anyway. **Podlers** had a mixed day with two wins and two 'non-wins' but I reckon it won't be long before you see them moving up the divisions. Another PODS team, the **Peas in a POD**, had an even better day with three out of four wins, giving them 2<sup>nd</sup> place but, again, that coveted 1<sup>st</sup> spot was pinched by another Colours team, this time the **Spa Colours**, who didn't lose a leg all day. (They should have been called the Miracolours – it's been such a rarity!) This division was sponsored by Andrew Denton, whose young Australian Shepherd Dog, Tag, raced faultlessly (for the first time) at Anglesey in February 2004: only to suffer a grand mal seizure that evening from which, tragically, he couldn't be revived. To honour the memory of Tag, and to encourage Starters and/or lower division dogs, the 'Taggy Trophy' was born. On this occasion, the winners of Division Four were very proud to receive a 'Taggy Trophy' each, in addition to their lovely rosettes. Many thanks to Andrew and Tag.

Two teams opted to run NFC in Division Three, **Thors Rovers** and **Killa Bytes**, the latter being a scratch team made up on the day to overcome the non-arrival of the actual team (who had some technical problems). The three remaining teams 'thrashed' it out and finished with **Wire Connection** coming a very respectable 3<sup>rd</sup>, with **POdlings** just pipping them to 2<sup>nd</sup> place. **Timber Wolves**, having won every race, enjoyed the honour of that precious 1<sup>st</sup> place. Very well done.

Division Two consisted of six very competitive teams and produced some very close racing. **Leaping Dolphins** had their backs against the wall a bit and finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place with **Wires Alive** just missing out on the rosettes with a hard-fought 5<sup>th</sup> place. Into the rosettes (as they say) with a well-earned 4<sup>th</sup> place were **Doncaster Belle Stars** (if that little Belle ever goes missing – best check our camp first!). Another Live Wires team, **Wire Springs**, who outshone their team-mates with an excellent performance giving them 3<sup>rd</sup> place, were closely chased into 2<sup>nd</sup> place by the very competitive **Molten Metals** (with a best time of 20.15). With the same number of wins but having defeated their old buddies, the **Podlets** romped home with a fastest time of 20.24 into 1<sup>st</sup> place, excellent racing.

Next it was my turn to stand in the middle and on came Division One, always a great one to judge. However, I thought this day was to prove otherwise when the second race in saw an incredibly fast dog with the **Mansfield Marnicks** causing interference even during the first practice! I can't tell you how relieved I was when their Team Captain asked if there was time to change that dog! There wasn't really – but it was a better option than taking that risk! In the true spirit of flyball, Mansfield Marnicks soon decided to go NFC and the whole team worked really hard all day long and made brilliant progress with their errant dog (and a lovely little Cocker too). Respect to that team. Watch out for that dog!

Just when I thought my problems were over, in race three with **Live Wires** challenging **Rapidz**, Live Wires' lead dog ran up – got the ball – came back and promptly legged it out of the building! We had a short delay whilst said culprit was found and brought to heel! The eventual race was incredibly close as the Rapidz tightened up their changeovers but it finished with a nail-biting check with the Line Judges, it was that tight! The newly-launched **Cheshire Set** had a good day and looked very swish in their green and black top hats and flashy new shirts and went away with rosettes for 4<sup>th</sup> place. Mind you, Red Light Ron didn't let us down, he even managed a false start against the NFC team! Live Wires performed very well against some very stiff competition and were rewarded with 3<sup>rd</sup> place rosettes. **Podsters** were unlucky not to win the Division as they achieved the fastest time of the day, 18.78 secs. They finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, giving Live Wires a very healthy 2<sup>nd</sup> spot. Right out there in front were those very polished and consistent **Molten Magnets** who won every race and produced a best time of 18.80. (They were assisted in no small way by the 'Jewel in our Crown', young Jo Rothwell, on the line!), nice work, Jo.

It was a fantastic day with one of the warmest and most sporting atmosphere's I've experienced with loads of teams helping each other in lots of different ways, all with big smiles to go with the silly hats! Huge congratulations and thanks to the Pods for just doing it again so well for us. Also, great appreciation to all the Judges and ring parties for their hard work throughout the day, especially those (dishy guys) who worked in Division One with me. I now wonder if, perhaps, we should be thinking about a flyball calendar?

I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone throughout 2005 and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you Fabulous Flyballers a **VERY**



**Maria Brennan** (Flying Colours)

“There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.”

**Ben Williams**

## Current Seed Times (Open) - as at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005

| SEED | TEAM                        | TRN  | TIME  |
|------|-----------------------------|------|-------|
| 1    | Molten Magnets              | 107  | 17.20 |
| 2    | Barkshire Bandits           | 017  | 17.22 |
| 3    | Maple Leafs                 | 049  | 17.34 |
| 4    | The Jumping Jacks           | 022  | 17.46 |
| 5    | Bad Dog Racers              | 053  | 17.53 |
| 6    | Podsters                    | 015F | 17.86 |
| 7    | Molten Muzzles              | 107D | 18.07 |
| 8    | Sherwood Outlaws            | 102  | 18.22 |
| 9    | Shooting Stars              | 001  | 18.30 |
| 10   | Bristol Ball-istics         | 018  | 18.42 |
| 11   | Dodgers                     | 078  | 18.44 |
| 12   | Barkshire Bullets           | 017C | 18.45 |
| 13   | Sheffield Speeders          | 058  | 18.46 |
| 14   | Maple Leaf Raggers          | 049A | 18.49 |
| 15   | Bad Dog Meecos              | 053A | 18.56 |
| 16   | Greetland Grasshoppers      | 055  | 18.56 |
| 17   | Cheshire Set                | 120  | 18.57 |
| 18   | Wakefield Tykes             | 046  | 18.66 |
| 19   | Nuneaton Kestrels           | 051F | 18.72 |
| 20   | Nuneaton Flyers             | 051  | 18.77 |
| 21   | Molten Marvels              | 107C | 18.84 |
| 22   | Running 4 Mutts             | 054A | 18.86 |
| 23   | Bassett Allsorts            | 011  | 19.03 |
| 24   | Crazy Comets                | 081F | 19.05 |
| 25   | Rapidz                      | 082  | 19.09 |
| 26   | Live Wires                  | 069  | 19.09 |
| 27   | Molten Monarchs             | 107A | 19.16 |
| 28   | Nuneaton Eagles             | 051D | 19.24 |
| 29   | Bad Dogs On The Run         | 053F | 19.29 |
| 30   | Dorset Diamonds             | 088A | 19.32 |
| 31   | Molten Metals               | 107E | 19.36 |
| 32   | Doncaster Belle Stars       | 096  | 19.36 |
| 33   | Snatch 'n' Grab             | 083  | 19.41 |
| 34   | Cracker Jacks               | 022E | 19.46 |
| 35   | Trying 4 Mutts              | 054G | 19.51 |
| 36   | Four Bad Dogs               | 053B | 19.61 |
| 37   | Bristol Ball-istic Missiles | 018B | 19.66 |
| 38   | Ruff Runners                | 115  | 19.67 |
| 39   | Red Rose Rockets            | 093  | 19.78 |
| 40   | Turbo Tykes                 | 046J | 19.82 |
| 41   | Greedy Grasshoppers         | 055A | 19.82 |
| 42   | Zebedee Springers           | 041A | 19.83 |
| 43   | Kellington Power Racers     | 105  | 19.87 |
| 44   | Blackpool Super Nova        | 063  | 19.90 |

| SEED | TEAM                        | TRN  | TIME  |
|------|-----------------------------|------|-------|
| 45   | Maple Leaf Rockies          | 049B | 19.92 |
| 46   | Blackpool Quasars           | 083B | 19.94 |
| 47   | Flying Colours              | 064  | 20.00 |
| 48   | W'boro' Red Wellies         | 067  | 20.01 |
| 49   | Jammi Dodgers               | 078B | 20.05 |
| 50   | Wire Springs                | 069E | 20.06 |
| 51   | Nuneaton Bees               | 051A | 20.06 |
| 52   | Molten Munsters             | 107F | 20.07 |
| 53   | Bristol Ball-istic Extraset | 018E | 20.14 |
| 54   | Nuneaton Dodgers            | 051C | 20.17 |
| 55   | Wires A-Live                | 069F | 20.19 |
| 56   | Knutsford Gnashers          | 117  | 20.20 |
| 57   | Springers                   | 041  | 20.22 |
| 58   | Podlets                     | 015A | 20.24 |
| 59   | Nova Next Generation        | 063C | 20.31 |
| 60   | W'boro' Red Arrows          | 067A | 20.33 |
| 61   | Barney Owlers               | 119A | 20.33 |
| 62   | Red Rose Rebels             | 093A | 20.45 |
| 63   | Crazy Chieftains            | 081E | 20.59 |
| 64   | Shooting Star Jokers        | 001A | 20.59 |
| 65   | Four Runners                | 040  | 20.60 |
| 66   | Crazy Catapults             | 081A | 20.60 |
| 67   | Barkshire Bandidos          | 017D | 20.61 |
| 68   | Wolverines                  | 050D | 20.62 |
| 69   | Gofours                     | 110  | 20.64 |
| 70   | Yorkshire Leapers           | 052C | 20.64 |
| 71   | Fylde Coasters              | 038  | 20.67 |
| 72   | Ace's High                  | 094  | 20.69 |
| 73   | Thor's Rovers               | 070  | 20.71 |
| 74   | Wakefield Terrortykes       | 046A | 20.81 |
| 75   | Wolf Pack                   | 050  | 20.92 |
| 76   | Fun 4 Mutts                 | 054B | 21.04 |
| 77   | Cheshire Chasers            | 120A | 21.08 |
| 78   | Flying Reds                 | 064A | 21.10 |
| 79   | Ball Busters                | 043  | 21.23 |
| 80   | Blackpool Nova              | 063A | 21.46 |
| 81   | Timber Wolves               | 050G | 21.54 |
| 82   | Nuneaton Ospreys            | 051E | 21.61 |
| 83   | Knutsford Tailspinners      | 117A | 21.64 |
| 84   | Shooting Star Rebels        | 001D | 21.64 |
| 85   | Podlings                    | 015D | 21.75 |
| 86   | Wire Connection             | 069C | 21.85 |
| 87   | The Flap Jacks              | 022G | 21.88 |
| 88   | Fizzy Colours               | 064C | 21.90 |

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|     |                       |       |       |     |                     |      |       |
|-----|-----------------------|-------|-------|-----|---------------------|------|-------|
| 89  | The Giga Bytes        | 027E  | 21.94 | 107 | Flying Blues        | 064B | 23.10 |
| 90  | The Killa Bytes       | 027B  | 22.05 | 108 | Greeny Grasshoppers | 055B | 23.18 |
| 91  | Fylde Surfers         | 038B  | 22.14 | 109 | West Riding Wizards | 118  | 23.22 |
| 92  | Yorkshire Bouncers    | 052   | 22.14 | 110 | Ace's Win           | 094A | 23.30 |
| 93  | Ball Buster Bandits   | 043B  | 22.17 | 111 | Underdogs           | 085  | 23.48 |
| 94  | Peas in a POD         | 015 I | 22.18 | 112 | Barking Owlers      | 119B | 23.88 |
| 95  | Carry On's            | 121   | 22.23 | 113 | Start-Rite Wizards  | 014  | 24.49 |
| 96  | Doncaster Swift Stars | 096B  | 22.31 | 114 | Sherwood Oaks       | 102A | 24.57 |
| 97  | Dog Friendly Flyers   | 098   | 22.35 | 115 | Crazy Crossbows     | 081C | 24.64 |
| 98  | Whiterose Curlytails  | 060B  | 22.39 | 116 | Podlers             | 015B | 24.75 |
| 99  | Box Raiders           | 103   | 22.52 | 117 | Wolf Cubs           | 050E | 25.00 |
| 100 | Yorkshire Racers      | 052B  | 22.56 | 118 | Dancing Dolphins    | 122B | 25.93 |
| 101 | Leaping Dolphins      | 122A  | 22.62 | 119 | Rapidz Responz      | 082D | 26.25 |
| 102 | Springers Off Springs | 041B  | 22.64 | 120 | Podantics           | 015G | 26.94 |
| 103 | Extrabuccs            | 025A  | 22.68 | 121 | Knight-Mares        | 036C | 27.09 |
| 104 | Brat Pack             | 050A  | 22.83 | 122 | Sheffield Shooters  | 058C | 27.83 |
| 105 | Break-Aways (UK)      | 090   | 22.86 | 123 | Podextras           | 015H | 29.22 |
| 106 | Bassett Jelly Babies  | 011C  | 22.89 |     |                     |      |       |

God... sat down for a moment when the dog was finished in order to watch it... and to know that it was good, that nothing was lacking, that it could have not been made better.

### Rainer Maria Rilke

## BERRY'S STORY SO FAR

I arrived at my new home in July 2004. I believe I am what is known as a 'rescue dog'. My owner says I am quite feral! My first session of Flyball Training was great fun; I leapt the first jump and then disappeared into the undergrowth... 'she who must be obeyed' had to crawl through the bushes and pull me out of a rabbit hole!

For the second session, 'she' tied me to the end of an extremely long rope. I went over the jumps and disappeared up the field... 'she who must be obeyed' had failed to stand on the end of it! I just didn't understand what was so fascinating about little yellow balls – rabbits are far more fun and smell great!

I watched the Anglesey Summer Show and there seemed to be lots of dogs having fun with this yellow tennis ball, so I decided that perhaps I would give it a go. Well, I made it to Sutton Fields, in a starter team, but 'she who must be obeyed' had never run first and was so nervous, we missed the lights – whoops!

We made it to the Anglesey Christmas show and I only made one mistake. We were all delighted and 'she who must be obeyed' says it is all due to the patience shown by Delia, Peter and Michael, not to mention Brenda (who was the only one who could ever catch me at first!).

Now I play with the other PODS dogs in training and leave the hunting for when I am at home with the pack!

### Sara Murphy (Pods)

a.k.a. 'she who must be obeyed'

## PIDDLING PETE

A country dog once came to town,  
His christian name was Pete.  
His pedigree was ten yards long,  
His looks were hard to beat.  
And as he strolled along the way,  
T'was beautiful to see,  
His work on every corner,  
His mark on every tree.  
He never missed a gateway,  
He never missed a post.  
For piddling was his pastime,  
And piddling was his boast.  
The city dogs just looked around,  
In deep and jealous rage,  
To see this simple country dog  
- The piddler of the age.  
They sniffed him over one by one  
Their praise for him was high,  
And when they sniffed him underneath,  
Pete piddled in their eye.  
And then to show those city dogs  
He didn't care a damn,  
He rushed into the grocers  
And piddled on the ham.  
He piddled on the onions,  
He piddled on the floor,  
And when the grocer kicked him out,  
He piddled on the door.  
The city dogs all stood around,  
Debating what to do.



“We'll hold a piddling contest,  
- We'll see this stranger through.”  
They showed him all the piddling spots  
That they knew in the town.  
With many a wink and many a grin,  
They'd slow this stranger down.  
But Pete saw through their little trick,  
With vigour and with vim.  
A thousand piddles more or less,  
Meant nothing much to him.  
So on and on went noble Pete,  
With hind leg lifted high.  
While others lifted theirs in bluff,  
Or piddled mighty dry.  
But on and on went poor old Pete.  
He wetted every sandhill  
And had all those city dogs  
Just piddled to a standstill.  
Then Pete, an exhibition gave,  
On different ways to piddle.  
The fancy flip, the double whip,  
And now and then a dribble.  
Then this simple country dog,  
With never a wink or grin,  
Piddled his way out of town,  
Just as he'd piddled in.  
The city dogs said “so long Pete,  
Your piddling sure has beat us.”  
But no-one ever tipped them off  
That Pete had DIABETES.

Borrowed from Avalon Dog Rescue Centre. With apologies to anyone who may be offended.

Thanks to Bobbie Perkins (Bristol Ball-istics)

## 'DAILY DROOL' PEANUT BUTTER BISCUITS

4 cups wholemeal flour  
2 cups oatmeal  
½ to ¾ cup crunchy peanut butter  
2 ½ cups hot water



Mix all ingredients, adding more hot water if dough is too dry. Knead well. Roll out to ¼ inch thick, cut into shape with a cookie cutter. Bake on a greased baking tray at 350 degrees F for 40 minutes. Turn off the oven and leave the cookies to cool in the oven overnight.

**Taken from [dailydrool.com](http://dailydrool.com)** (These are for dogs, but they sound yummy for humans too. Ed.)

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