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Congratulations to Kerry Anderson and Patch our first
Scottish Flyballer to earn a Junior Handlers Award

Junior Handler of the Year (over 12) 2012

Our cover picture this issue shows **Kerry Anderson** (Dundee Dynamutts) our first Scottish winner of the award.

Kerry has been competing in Flyball competitions with her Border Collie, Patch, since she was eight years old. Her mum, Hazel, is ‘very proud’ of her daughter’s commitment to her sport. ‘She has dedicated her life so far to Flyball. It is a passion for her and we are all delighted that Kerry has won this award’.

Kerry's achievement has brought our sport more Flyball coverage in the Local press. Following a very slow start; due to the dedication of Scottish members who have put in a vast amount of time promoting the sport, the number of Scottish Flyball teams is now growing. Teams are venturing across the border and delighting us with their enthusiastic presence. The enthusiasm from the teams has encouraged the BFA to run a Scottish Training Seminar that was well attended and enjoyed by the teams attending as well as the Committee members running the seminar.

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Love this picture. How about some caption ideas??

Greetings Flyballers

There was a very good atmosphere at the AGM this year with attendees giving some thoughtful and well considered comments. It was a pity there wasn't a large attendance but hopefully that was because members felt happy with how things are progressing and didn't feel that the proposed rule changes were particularly contentious. As a new 'venture' we were provided with some power point presentations rather than having to listen to (what *may* seem dull) vocal reports. It certainly makes things clearer to have sound and vision.

In contrast to the pleasant atmosphere at the AGM, I find it distressing that there appears to be an increasing number of incidents where members are not acting in the true spirit of Flyball. Our sport is our hobby where we should be able to enjoy the company of our doggie and human friends, life gives us enough 'grief without bring that into our hobby. Friends of mine always used to part company with us at the end of an enjoyable evening/weekend with the words 'be nice to each other'. Is it too much to ask that all of us follow that ideology? Yes, teams split up (it happens and actually can move the sport on), serious incidents need to be reported but being downright nasty or 'gunning' for other members thereby spoiling their enjoyment of our sport is way outside our Code of Ethics. It is also sad to find that some teams are being seen as 'cheating' and the Committee are then asked to look at rules to prevent that. Winning is what we all want to do but there is no honour in achieving that win by fair means or foul.

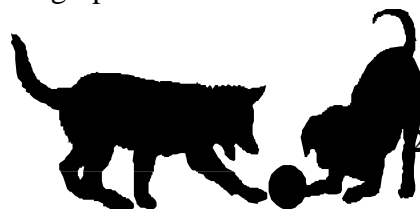
So when you register your teams for the Championships please make sure you 'play the game' fairly, how much fun does the whole division have when one team is trouncing all the others by a wide margin? The joy of the Championships is that with so many teams entered the times should be really close and racing should be awesome whether in the 'top' divisions or the lower divisions. Personally, if the racing has been tight, but the other team was better on the day, I get my buzz from that and can live with not winning and I applaud the winning team for giving us such an enjoyable race.

I do appreciate and understand how busy you all are but can I please make a plea for more items for our newsletter? For example, the Rocket Relay seminar, despite asking on facebook, nothing arrived. Funny, sad, just plain interesting or educational - anything that would be of interest to other flyballers.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Championships, catching up with old friends and making new ones. Please everyone keep to the true spirit of Flyball. Ed

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Dogs Rules for Humans



1. Don't come home smelling of other dogs.
2. You must feed me every goodie you eat.
3. Don't call me or lead me to a bath.
4. Let me outside even though I just came in, there was an area I forgot to sniff.
5. I can sleep anywhere I choose even if it means you trip over me.
6. Don't shhhh me from barking while you are on the phone, I heard the wind blowing the leaves.
7. Don't move me from sleeping sideways in the middle of the bed, you have enough room on the edge.
8. Don't think you can leave a room without me.
9. If it lands on the floor it's MINE!



How to communicate with a dog addict

1. Steal some tricks from positive dog trainers. For example, use kindly facial expressions, body language and be clear with your commands.
2. Adopt dog trainer speak when talking to an addict and be sure to reinforce each command with hand, arm or body signals.
3. Kind facial expressions and body language with your clear commands are especially important when shouting "Get that perishing dog off the dining table/work surface/computer desk!" (Lacey Nikkas Ed.) A kicking motion of the leg(unkind body language) isn't acceptable, use a wide sweep of the arm as if clearing the table surface.



OCD – ADHD – SINGLE BRAIN CELL (on timeshare) THISTLE, MAKES FLYBALL DOG

Those of you who remember the embarrassing exploits of Thistle at tournaments in her early days, disappearing from the Flyball ring at the Pods tournament, ball safely retrieved from the box, leaving people flat in the mud from trying to 'field' her. Found later quite happily playing with her prize (the ball) down by the river in the exercise area. Same trick at Sutton Fields only that time, she somehow managed to find her way back to our camp site, and had bulldozed in through the fencing and was, yes you've guessed, in her own little world playing with the ball, will be as surprised to hear that the OCD has at last worked in our favour! After 4 long years the message has got through, THISTLE DOES FLYBALL!! Having competed at three tournaments she is now a 'Flyball Dog' only the third English Bull Terrier to get into the BFA 'Breed stats'.

I am so proud, this is especially wonderful for me, not only because she has been so difficult, albeit amusing, to train but because, due to health problems I am having to give up Flyball which I have so enjoyed for over 15 years, it is a hard decision to make I would have hated to have to stop without getting Thistle there.

I shall miss you Flyballers'. Thistle, to be honest, won't give a monkey, as long as she has a tennis ball. LOL

June Conway – Ex Team Captain – Merlin's Magicians

Happy retirement Quicksilva

We just wanted to say a big thank you to our team captain and friend **Janice** and our **team mates** at **Wilmslow Wild Dogs**, for their fantastic support for our boy, **Silva**.

Silva suddenly took ill for no apparent reason. He was quickly hospitalised by my vet and emergency exploratory surgery was undertaken after the xrays/ultrasounds showed there was something severe occurring in his large intestine. He was discovered to have a twist of the large intestine. Silva had corrective surgery to remove the contents of gas/faeces, untwist the intestine and pin to the wall to help prevent further bouts. The survival probability rate for the first 24hours was around 10% as the stomach could reflate, there could also be heart damage, poisoning or organ failure.

Somehow, Silva pulled through and is steadily albeit slowly on the road to recovery.

Now our boy is home, flyball to us is far too risky for our precious lad. We do have one celebration to look forward to; Silva achieved his Chica Chicana award on his very last competition. It will mark how great a racing dog he was. He was the flyballers dream dog to handle, racing consistently at 4.1 secs in any position for anyone. He competed at the Crufts finals four times, lapping up all the fuss on the benches...coming home with lipstick marks on his head from the passing public! He ran for three years at the BFA Championships in div 1 and recently raced for our young handler, Ellena in the YKC too. He is only seven years old, but we are so lucky to have him back again. I am sure my flyballing friends prayers and a certain Shirley watching over her boy, had something to do with that.

Happy retirement Silva

Lesley, John and Owen Curnow (Wilmslow Wild Dogs)

British Flyball Association

Annual General Meeting

Held at Wythall Community Hall, Birmingham on Sunday 7th April 2013

Our chairperson opened the meeting at 10.00 hrs, welcomed those present (84 in number) and thanked everyone for coming.

The Committee's change of approach in communicating got us to thinking about the best way to share information at the AGM, so some of our reports will be accompanied with PP presentations. The meeting was then shown a short video montage that would hopefully focus our minds when considering proposals, digesting the reports and going on to making decisions that will promote our sport as we work together to confidently move our association forward.

The AGM is the place where we reflect on the past 12 months and look forward to the next 12 months. The Committee has had a busy and productive year with really positive outcomes.

Being very committed to dog welfare, we were delighted when Kate Gilding was appointed as BFA veterinary advisor. Kate gives her time readily to the Committee but we would remind you all that her role is advisor to the Committee, not the membership as a whole. Any correspondence regarding dog welfare should be directed to the BFA secretary.

Our BFA officials work tirelessly for the Association and yes they did volunteer, and yes they knew they would have to give their time freely but no, neither they (nor their family members) expect or deserve to be treated disrespectfully.

The chairperson thanked the Committee for all their hard work and continued efforts. We don't always agree, nor would she want that as differing opinions can lead to better outcomes, as all avenues are explored. There are times when we have to do what is best for the majority and in doing so upset the minority. Be assured that no decision is taken lightly, everything is discussed thoroughly with all Committee members suggestions and thoughts considered. In some cases this results in a delay in answering members correspondence, we could be trying to gather more information or we may not have reached a majority decision, we aim not to give a knee jerk response and therefore be proactive not reactive...

We do receive correspondence regarding facebook and members posting negative comments about each other. It goes back to respect and tolerance. Please think before you comment. We would ask all team captains to discourage their team members from getting involved in negative discussions.

Also please do not use personal fb accounts to address concerns/requests or ask information of the Committee. There is a high chance they will not be answered in a timely manner or missed completely.

The National Championships will be held at Catton Hall this year. The venue is used to hosting big events. We have conducted ourselves admirably over the past couple of years and we are sure this will continue celebrating our sport with great racing and with the spirit of Flyball at the forefront.

Sam Bawden has decided to retire from the Committee as a new job has meant that she has less time to commit to the BFA as a Committee member, please accept these gifts as an appreciation of your commitment and dedication to the BFA Committee over the last two years.

Secretary's report: Rachel Child

The committee has had three 'face to face' meetings since the last AGM. We continue to have Skype conferences in order to resolve issues more quickly than before.

The Committee remain at your disposal for discussions at shows. We are always looking for ways to improve communication and all feedback is welcome. We appreciate both positive and negative that is put forward in a constructive way.

A revised copy of the rules and policies was emailed to all team captains, Head judges and officers as well as being posted on the BFA website for the membership.

We are aware that there has been an issue with email addresses on the BFA website, for this we apologise. I believe this has been resolved and I encourage members to use the information provided to contact the correct officer or official.

The current membership stands at 2433 members. In 2012 there were 260 new members and 2173 renewing members. Of the renewing members almost 30% used the new online renewal facility. We currently have 314 primary teams.

As a small group of 9 people we couldn't do without the help of our dedicated officers, as a Committee we are extremely grateful to them for their dedication and hard work.

Ron and Vera, stats team who do a tremendous job keeping the points system up to date.

Kim Sermon, awards sec. who makes sure our certificates and awards are provided as soon as possible and at the right venue.

Pat Wadby, membership sec. along with her team, **Jane Allen and Samantha Massey** for keeping all the membership information up to date.

Judy Parker, show secretary our most experienced officer, whose knowledge of all things show related is unrivalled.

Val Currie, Flyball Record editor, for providing another 12 months of an entertaining yet informative read. Please use this tool to keep sharing your experiences with the membership.

Donna Hagland, height card administrator continues to provide a brilliant turnaround with the height cards.

Sam Bawden, Junior handler administrator, who is very encouraging to our youngsters thus continuing to increase their participation in our great sport.

Ray Lewis, acting webmaster, who took over from our webmaster when he stood down last year.

Finally, in 2012 we re-introduced Regional representatives. Thank you to those members who volunteered for the role.

Never underestimate the amount of work that is involved by our team of dedicated volunteers.

2012 was a very good year for the BFA...

The increased exposure in the media, Red or Black, Countryfile, and Crufts on television; plus our sport featuring on the radio has to be a very positive thing. Members have portrayed our sport in a very positive light, thank you.

New British Record of 16.06 achieved by Extreme Racers. Which team is going to break into the 15's first?

The European Championships was hosted in the UK. For the first time in its history the current European Champions are a UK team - Live Wires.

The British Championships were held at Arbury Hall again being the biggest ever Championships. Live Wires won the first divisions thereby doing the double.

I have decided to stand down as secretary this year having served the membership on the committee for 5 years. I offer whoever is mad enough to take the role on my support and experience.

In my last speech as secretary I would like to encourage the following:

Please treat each other with the respect we all deserve. Please let us all continue to keep the welfare of our beloved 4 legged friend at the forefront of everything we do. Please let us strive to continue to improve training techniques so we keep our dogs injury free and safe. Please let us continue to have fun, support each other and above all show good sportsmanship.

Treasurer's Report: Val Currie

The committee decided that as the Association grows we needed a bookkeeper. Key Bookkeeping were appointed and have our spreadsheets on their system so that they can do quarterly bank reconciliations, making the end of year a much easier task.

Again due to our growth we need to keep watch on our turnover as we may need to register for VAT at some point. This may be to our advantage as we would be able to claim back any VAT we paid for services we receive that charge VAT.

We have been able to obtain access to internet banking that will enable us to make transfer payments out and hopefully allow TO's to pay by transfer to our account.

I have done some tidying up of the fields to better reflect the income and expenditure. I'm pleased to say that although the 2011 deficit was £9,701.87 we reduced our overall deficit to £1,001.86 in 2012.

Veterinary Advisor: Kate Gilding

The past year has been a busy one that has prompted the first additions to our rule in the field of infectious diseases. We have also had discussions regarding bandaging feet, running with stitches and bitches returning to racing after breeding.

We have tried to put rules in place regarding infectious diseases for a number of reasons. Firstly, to safeguard all dogs within our community. Secondly, so that we have made our membership and those looking in on us from other disciplines, aware that we take a serious view of dog welfare. Thirdly, so we have a rule basis to build on in the future should the need arise. Sadly, in medicine nothing is quite as black and white as we would like it to be so the default setting has to be, if in doubt ask!

Several other topics of discussion I feel cannot receive specific ruling but rely on educating judges (and the membership). The bottom line being welfare first, do not risk making the condition worse. Members can approach the Committee prior to racing dogs so that they can be advised and judges informed that racing will not worsen a condition. Do not lose sight of common-sense which should suffice in most veterinary and welfare situations arising in the sport.

Acting Webmaster: Ray Lewis

Following last year's AGM a Website working party was convened. The first step taken was to transfer the website into the care of a professional hosting company (Room 101) who could ensure that it could be counted on to be reliably available for members to use. The task of transferring the site was undertaken in October 2012 with support from the outgoing Webmaster. There was a short period of 'down-time' just three days.

The second project was the provision of on-line payments for membership renewal. This took longer to establish than anticipated but was used by about 30% of the membership renewing.

Jo Crosswell then gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining what we are thinking about for the future of the website.

Regional Representative Co-ordinator: Dan Culley

Dan gave a PowerPoint presentation showing the progress made so far. Some regions still require representatives and members were encouraged to consider the vacancies and visit the role requirements on the official announcements page of the forum.

Electronic Judging System(EJS) BFA Lights update: Dan Culley

The membership was provided with an update of a computer based EJS in development by ABTEC Network Systems. There is already the foundation of a workable set. Feedback we invited where members highlighted aspects of the current and previous sets that can be considered to improve future development. Future development will comply with the specification given at the last AGM.

Laser Measure Device: Tony Cain

The devices have been procured and will be available for use subject to a rule change on the AGM agenda. The equipment will be eligible for use in respect of racing after a period of 14 days from the publication of the AGM minutes.

A demonstration was given over the break period on several height dogs.

Crossbreeds?

We've all heard of the Labradoodle and the Puggle, but have you ever wondered how far we'll go with (silly) designer dog names?

Here's a list of some of my favourite suggestions:

Collie X Lhaso Apso = Collapso, a dog that folds up for easy transport

Spitz X Chow Chow = Spitz-Chow, a dog that throws up a lot

Bloodhound X Borzoi = Bloody Bore, a dog that's not much fun

Pointer X Setter = Poinsetter, a traditional Christmas pet

Kerry Blue Terrier X Skye Terrier = Blue Skye, a dog for visionaries

Pekingese X Lhaso Apso = Peekasso, an abstract dog

Labrador X Curly Coated Retriever = Lab Coat Retriever, the obvious choice of research scientists

Newfoundland X Basset Hound = Newfound Asset Hound, a dog for financial advisers

Terrier X Bulldog = Terribull, a dog that makes awful mistakes

Bloodhound X Labrador = Blabrador, a dog that barks incessantly

Malamute X Pointer = Moot Point, owned by...oh, well, it doesn't matter anyway

Collie X Malamute = Commute, a dog that travels to work

Deerhound X Terrier = Derriere, a dog that's true to the end

Poodle X Miniature Pinscher = PooPin, a dog for constipated people

Samoyed X Norwich Terrier = Samwich, a dog not well bred, nor poorly bred, but between bread

Beagle X Deerhound = Beadeer, a dog constantly asking for favours

Chihuahua X Whippet = Chiapet, may be ordered from a TV ad

Smooth Fox Terrier X Chow Chow = Smooch, a dog who loves to kiss

Lhasa Apso X Basenji = La Senji, a pretty pants sort of dog

Pomeranian X Shar Pei = Pompei, an eruptive breed, bit of a disaster

Chihuahua X Pug = Chug, a dog which refuses to be drunk under the table

Cocker Spaniel X Shih Tzu = Cock-A-Tzu, a dog which will happily replace your alarm clock

Havanese X Schnauzer = Hava Schnese, a dog which requires lots of Kleenex

Great Pyrenees X Dachshund = Pyradachs, a puzzling breed

Bull Terrier X Shitzu = Bullshitz, a gregarious but unreliable breed

Can you think of anymore? I'd love to hear them! (Anon)

It would appear that there has been some thought transference going on!

Here is my list of new breeds that I feel should be adopted by the BFA!

Kollie (Kelpie Collie cross) and Sprollie (Springer Collie cross)...after all there are so many of these now Kollollollie and Sprollollolie ... as above, but crossed back with a collie

Flat Coated Sprollie ... A Sprollie with Flat Coated Retriever Tendencies

Small Black Thing of Indeterminate Origin (SBIO)

Bear ... this would include anything small and feisty with lots of hair...

Shitapoo ... just because I love the name

(Collie with a sprollie brain ... Brollie) [In memory of Morse. Ed]

Bridget Leek (Deva Dogmatix)



BFA Diary 2013/2014

Key – **CLD** = Closing date for entry **O** = Open **LO** = Limited Open **M** = Multibreed **LM** = Limited_Multibreed

Aug 24/25 th 26 th	Drax Sports & Social Club, N'th-Yorks Contact: <i>Andrew James Tel. 01709 828558</i>	Rotherham Rockets	LO(96 teams) LM(54teams) CLD 23 rd July
Aug 24/25 th 26 th	Cowgate Farm, Hawkinge, Folkestone, Kent Contact: <i>Janice Aird Tel. 07815 841045</i>	Shooting Stars	O LM(24teams) CLD 24 th July
Aug 24/25 th 26 th	Upton Court Park, Slough, Berks Contact: <i>Michelle White Tel.01420 22334</i>	Dream Team	O M CLD 26 th July
Aug 24/25 th 26 th	Prissick Base, Middlesbrough, Cleveland Contact: <i>Linda Haworth Tel. 01642 590409</i> (hosted with Crazy Cannons)	Cleveland Comets	LO(42 teams) LM(18 teams) CLD 25 th July
Aug 31 st Sept 1 st	Padworth Village Hall, Nr Reading, Berks Contact: <i>Garry Black Tel.07789 692326</i>	Kennet Zingers	LO(54 teams) CLD 31 st July
Aug 31 st Sept 1 st	Ryecroft Farm, Ashley, Cheshire Contact: <i>Vera Edge Tel. 01565 873390</i>	Cheshire Set	LO(48 teams) CLD 31 st July
Sept 7/8 th	Sutton Fields, Nr Runcorn, Cheshire Contact: <i>Anne Alcock Tel. 01925 267274</i>	Live Wires Starters	LO(60 teams) (24 teams) CLD 9 th Aug
Sept 7/8 th	Hatton Country World, Warks Contact: <i>Donna Hagland Tel. 0121 730 1168</i>	Water Orton Wonderdogs	LO(96 teams) CLD 7 th Aug
Sept 7/8 th	Hedsor Golf Course, Wooburn Common, Bucks Contact: <i>Kim Sermon Tel. 07771 812862</i>	Lightning Strikes	LO(54 teams) CLD 7 th Aug
Sept 14 th Sept 15 th	Bakewell Showground, Derbys Contact: <i>Paula Merryman Tel. 01246 414816</i>	Sheffield Speeders	LO(48 teams) CLD 14 th Aug
Sept 14/15 th	Hatton Country World, Warks Contact: <i>Donna Hagland Tel. 0121 730 1168</i>	Water Orton Wonderdogs	LO(96 teams) CLD 14 th Aug
Sept 14/15 th	York Racecourse, Bustardthorpe Field, N'th-Yorks Contact: <i>Terry Wilkinson Tel. 01377 254962</i>	Eastcoast	LO(96 teams) CLD 9 th Aug
Sept 14/15 th	RSPCA Southridge, Potters Bar, Herts Contact: <i>Richie O'Neill Tel.01634 270440</i>	Hotshots	LO(54 teams) CLD 16 th Aug
Sept 21/22 nd	Acremead Kennels, Drayton, Abingdon, Oxon Contact: <i>Sam Bawden Tel. 07779 640465</i>	Mad Mutts	LO(54 teams) CLD 21 st Aug
Sept 21/22 nd	Larden Green Farm, Baddiley, Nantwich, Cheshire Contact: <i>Bridget Leek Tel. 0151 336 8923</i>	Deva Dogmatix	LO(72 teams) CLD 21 st Aug
Sept 21/22 nd	Paws in the Park, Detling Showground, Kent Contact: <i>Jeannette Shelley Tel. 07845 535194</i>	Aces High	LO(48 teams) CLD 21 st Aug
Sept 28/29 th	Anstey Park, Alton, Hampshire Contact: <i>Michelle White Tel.01420 22334</i>	Dream Team	O CLD 30 th Aug
Sept 28/29 th	RSPCA Block Fen, Wimblington, March, Cambs Contact: <i>David Flood Tel. 07775 563773</i>	Fenland Firestorm	LO(48 teams) CLD 30 th Aug
Sept 28/29 th	Sherbrooke Scout Camp, Calverton, Notts Contact: <i>Margaret Greaves Tel. 07580 303068</i>	Mansfield Marnicks	O CLD 28 th Aug
Oct 5 th	Woodgreen Animal Centre, Cambs Royal Canin Classic. Run on Tuff Spun mats. Contact: <i>Kristian Allcorn Tel. 01438 236261</i>	High Flyers	LO(48 teams) CLD 6 th Sept
Oct 5 th Oct 6 th	Cheshire Polo Club, Little Budworth, Tarporley, Cheshire. Held in marquee with 2 nd ring outdoors Contact: <i>Anne Alcock Tel. 01925 267274</i>	Live Wires Starters	LO(42 teams) CLD 6 th Sept

Oct 12/13 th	Apps Court Farm, Walton on Thames, Surrey Contact: <i>Jeannette Shelley Tel. 07845 535194</i>	Aces High	LO(48 teams) CLD 12 th Sept
Oct 19 th	St Johns Beaumont, Old Windsor, Berks Contact: <i>Michelle White Tel.01420 22334</i>	Dream Team	LO(30 teams) CLD 20 th Sept
Oct 26/27 th	Drax Sports & Social Club, N'th-Yorks Held in 160ft x 40ft marquee. Teams and dogs may enter either Sat or Sun. Contact: <i>Andrew James Tel. 01709 828558</i>	Rotherham Rockets	LO(30 teams) CLD 26 th Sept
Oct 27 th	Maidstone, Kent Contact: <i>Debbie Collins Tel. 01689 607556</i>	Ball Busters	LO(35 teams) CLD 27 th Sept
Nov 2/3 rd	Littleport Leisure Centre, Cambs Run on Tuff Spun mats. Contact: <i>Kristian Allcorn Tel. 01438 236261</i>	High Flyers	LO(48 teams) CLD 4 th Oct
Nov 9 th Nov 10 th	Milton Equestrian Centre, Worksop, Notts Contact: <i>Genna Wilson Tel. Phone - 07861 833978</i>	Extreme Racers	LO(30 teams) LO (24 teams) CLD 9 th Oct
Nov 16 th Nov 17 th	Newark Showground, Notts Teams and dogs may enter either Sat or Sun Contact: <i>Stuart Harrison Tel. 01827 707293</i>	Nuneaton Flyers	LO(30 teams) LO (24 teams) CLD 18 th Oct
Nov 17 th	Maidstone, Kent Part of Ball Busters winter league Contact: <i>Debbie Collins Tel. 01689 607556</i>	Ball Busters	LO(35 teams) CLD 18 th Oct
Nov 23 rd Nov 24 th	Gap Farm, Doncaster, S'th-Yorks Contact: <i>Jo Johnson Tel. 07803 938360</i>	Commandos	LO(30 teams) LO (24 teams) CLD 24 th Oct
Nov 30 th Dec 1 st	Milton Equestrian Centre, Worksop, Notts Contact: <i>Genna Wilson Tel. Phone - 07861 833978</i>	Extreme Racers	LO(30 teams) LO(24 teams) CLD 31 st Oct
Dec 14/15 th	Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh Park, Warks Contact: <i>Michelle White Tel.01420 22334</i>	Dream Team	O CLD 15 th Nov
	<u>2014</u>		
Jan 4 th	Bracknell Leisure Centre, Berks Contact: <i>Michelle White Tel.01420 22334</i>	Dream Team	LO(30 teams)
Jan 18 th Jan 19 th	Gap Farm, Doncaster, S'th-Yorks Teams and dogs may enter either Sat or Sun Contact: <i>Jo Johnson Tel. 07803 938360</i>	Commandos	LO(30 teams) LO(24 teams)
Jan 19 th	Maidstone, Kent Part of Ball Busters winter league Contact: <i>Debbie Collins Tel. 01689 607556</i>	Ball Busters	LO(35 teams)
Feb 16 th	Maidstone, Kent Part of Ball Busters winter league Contact: <i>Debbie Collins Tel. 01689 607556</i>	Ball Busters	LO(35 teams)
Mar 15 th Mar 16 th	Gap Farm, Doncaster, S'th-Yorks Teams and dogs may enter either Sat or Sun Contact: <i>Jo Johnson Tel. 07803 938360</i>	Commandos	LO(30 teams) LO(24 teams)
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Mar 29 th	Lord Roberts Centre, Bisley, Surrey Contact: <i>Michelle White Tel.01420 22334</i>	Dream Team	LO(30 teams)

Welcome to our New Members

Rachel Smith Aces High
Annabel Hursthouse Carry On's
Joyce Whitelaw Supersonic Saltires
Rachel, Nigel & Ella Hancock Fantastic 4
Julie & David Harradine Fenland Firestorm
Emma Green Dream Team
Lily Hyam Five Jays Fireballs`
Faye Wilson Whitley Wonders
Julie Yeatman Nottingham Flyers
John Ewens Aces High
Silke Krieger-Ford & Stephen Ford Dukes Barking Balls
Sallie Fenwick Five Jays Fireballs
Teresa White Delta Force
Sarah Kemlo & Joseph Kimberley Dukes Barking Balls
Liam Harrold Wuff N Ready Racers
Amy & Tom Williams Brng Your Own Ball (BYOB)
Anne Hoddy Cotswold Cyclones
Gordon & Alexandra Smith Hampshire Harriers
Ross Merchant Northants Falcons
Elaine Susan Oxtan-Morris Keresley K9 Runners
Suzanne Metcalff & Andrew Dickson Geordie Racers
Carol & John Petherbridge Geordie Racers
Jennifer Norman Bristol Ball-istics
Maria Casley Cotswold Cyclones
Angela Back Aces High
Angharad Coleman Northants Falcons
Mark & Gail Powell Furry Tales
Sarah Reed & John & Erin Henderson Geordie Racers
Kathryn Thomas Delta Force
Kerry & Emily Warner Cotswold Cyclones
Sarah Dinning Carry On's
Rosie Reid Cotswold Cyclones
Aimee McDonald & John Murrish Bristol Ball-istics
Stephanie Reid Five Jays Fireballs
Noeleen Morris Ballybogy Boomerangs
Bridget Taylor Ramsden Rockers
Rebecca & Aileen Fletcher Somerset Scrumpys
Maira Feint Bristol Ball-istics
Mark Simkin Shawcross Racers
Nicola Sharp & Sean Taylor Ramsden Rockers
Lorna McGeachie Calverley Chasers
Lesley & Brian Levinsohn Cheshire Set
Ellen & Tracy Higginbottom Extreme Racers
Shirley Earnshaw Red Rose Rockets
Jackie & Danielle Smith Ramsden Rockers
Shirley King & Steven Tomlinson TBC
Sharon Palmer Hampshire Harriers
Graham & Debbie Kemp Dukes Barking Balls
Joe & Alison Hunter Killie
Karen Bonham Molten Magnets
Rebecca Sweeney Brigg Muttley Crew

Wendy Bennett The Abbots
Brian Simpkins Pods
Cath Buchan & Robert Bowering Supersonic Saltires
Pauline Kitching Yorkshire Bouncers
Corrinne McNamara Brigg Muttley Crew
Laura & David Kelt Killie
Cathy Johnson Molten Magnets
Pamela Campbell Pods
Rosalind Boon Ramsden Rockers
Claudia Ponticorvo Reiver Rebels
Richard Lappin Hampshire Harriers
Mike Hallam & Liz Raczynski Storm Chasers
Dan Farrall Durham Bombers
Jane & John Robson Happy Humbugs
James Darby & Karen Damon Delta Force
Sheila Roache TBC
Vikki & Chris Winn Commandos
Douglas Davies & Audrey McClymont Killie
Elizabeth Hunter Killie
Catherine Seeds & Isabell Otterbein Killie
Janice Burgess Killie
Isabel Findlay TBC
Lyndsay Ord Five Jays Fireballs
Laura Heap Lichfield
Pat Cleever Pods
Samuel Innes & Derek Orr Supersonic Saltires
Hannah & Liz Millen Killie
Sophie Slater The Doghouse
Heather Burgin & Jonathan Swift Sheffield Speeders
Lisa & Robert Guthrie Dukes Barking Balls
Samantha Bristow Suffolk Spitfires
Louise Russell & Dave Smith Dean Dynamos
Elaine Lord Supersonic Saltires
Gina Challen The Sussex Screammers
Lincoln Brookes Flying Foxes
Karen Fitzsimons The Sussex Screammers
Keely Bray Racing Herts
Dawn Casey The Northern Bytes
Heather Adams Flea Jumperz
Kerrie & Lauren Riches Funky Fidos Flyballers
Nicola Rozeé Wuff N Ready Racers
David Cook Tayside Roadrunners
Stephen & Emma Key Nottingham Flyers
Chris Hunter Killie
Sue Cooper Dukes Barking Balls
Ann Rae & Josh Bell Karma Kanines
Samantha Sellars Bristol Ball-istics
Yvonne Mills & Amanda Lewis The Northern Bytes
Steven Fidler Five Jays Fireballs
Daniel James FourPaws Racing
Lindsay Jordy Bassett Allsorts

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

This is a plea from statistics compilers that are only in their prime of life but due to deciphering BFA stats, look like they are in their seventies!

Before you think “Oh statistics” and then switch off, let me point out that it is statistics regarding FLYBALL POINTS.

TEAM CAPTAINS.

We have always had some problems with mistakes on results sent to us from tournaments. We have endeavoured to correct the errors where possible by referring to the data-base we hold, however, the errors are becoming more frequent and the time taken to investigate them is becoming unacceptable. It is no exaggeration to say that over 90% of team sheets have errors.

To contact each person with full details of the errors and omissions would take even more time and due to the amount of tournaments taking place we would never keep up with the statistics. We therefore ask all team captains (plus aspiring team captains) to CAREFULLY check all their racing time sheets before it is sent to us by the tournament organisers.

The main items to check are as follows:-

Your team member has paid their membership fee for the current year. *All the team lose the points if one member has not paid before racing.*

All legs run have been circled, and with the correct dogs. *So many points are lost in this way that if I kept them myself, I would have the hundred thousand award named after me!*

Dogs name and number/letter match. *This is one of the most time consuming and common faults we get. If your memory is like mine, you could always make a note of the correct number for each of your dogs.[or carry your membership card showing your dogs' letter? ED]*

Dog's name should be as you registered it with the BFA. *If it is registered as Guinness and you call it 'Beer' or something worse, we are not able to find it on the data base if you write Beer on the time sheet. Points for that dog may be lost.*

Team name and number/letter should agree. *Many team captains do not seem to know the letters of their secondary teams. (And captains are supposed to be the all-knowing members of the team!)*

Captains name, address and email address should be on the time sheet. *If it is not, how are we to know who to swear at?*

Also team captains should ensure that your members are properly instructed on line party duties and the importance of clear legible writing.

TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS

IT IS PART OF THE TOURNAMENT ORGANISER'S RESPONSIBILITIES TO CHECK AND CARRY OUT THE FOLLOWING.

Tournament organisers are the most experienced and able of flyballers. *Yes, I'm kidding.*

I regret to say that you also cause us to waste many hours sorting and correcting paperwork when we receive it.

The results should be with us seven days after your tournament ends. *Most are received within the time but the ones that are late, cause problems. We are obliged to enter results in date order due to the awards system and team seed times. If one tournament arrives late, it holds up all the following shows.*

Team fastest times should be entered at the bottom of the time sheets. *They should be carefully checked with every race and should include where a team has broken out.*

Fastest times (Carefully checked for accuracy) should be sent to the tournament secretary (Judy) asap when racing ends, this may also be cc'd to Val (Treasurer) A copy should also be sent with the stats [and to the Treasurer (Val) if not emailed]. *This is required for the seed times update (Judy), the check against the time sheets (Stats) and the payment check plus record keeping (Val). We regularly are required to update fastest times on the web, due to incorrect information sent to Judy.*

The 'lights sheet' (with all the teams listed) should be sent with the time sheets. *This is to check against the time sheets.*

It is also helpful if you send the results in a tidy and neat way. For example, sheets in division position order, first to sixth etc.

Ron and Vera (Statistics slaves)

European News

The 15th Championship will be held at the soccer field in Aatrijke. This venue has superb facilities. There are also two sport fields which will be used for the main arenas.

Next to the sport parks there is huge area available for camping which they will rebuild next year as a sports track. In between the camping area and the main arenas there are 2 canine clubs.

In the surroundings there are lots of woods, fields and a castle area where you can go for a walk with the dogs.

We are only 15 min away from Bruges.

Camping

Camping will be available from Thursday 22nd August 09h00 until Monday 26th August 14h00.

As we like to keep everything environmentally friendly we will supply waste bags to recycle your waste. You will be supplied with bags for plastic, metal packaging and other waste. There will also be a glass container on site.

Electricity and additional toilets are available throughout the campsite.



Venue Address

Aatrijksestraat 65

8211 Aatrijke

West-Flanders

Belgium

The Championship is limited to 90 teams.

A pre-registration order will be used for priority after final registration cut-off.

The competition will be held over 3 days with division finals on each day. Fastest divisions will be held on Sunday.

The event will be run under EFC Ruling.

The number of pre-registered teams from each country so far:

Austria..3, Belgium..33, Croatia..1, Czech Republic..12, France..5, Germany..25, Hungary..4, Netherlands..2, Poland..2, Slovakia..1, UK..21.

Food and beverages

The bar will be offering soft drinks, Belgian beers, hot drinks and small snacks.

Bar Opening Times

Thursday: 17:00 until ...

Friday/Saturday:

- Breakfast (pre-order) from 07:00 until 08:30
- Noon: food stand and bar snacks
- Dinner (pre-order) from 19:00 until 20:30
- Bar open until last call...

Sunday:

- Breakfast (pre-order) from 07:00 until 08:30
- Noon: food stand and bar snacks-
- Bar open until last call...

Shops and pubs are only a 5 minute walk.

Own drinks are not allowed in the main arenas!

CONGRATULATIONS to the MOLTEN MAGNETS

For the following B.F.A. AWARDS gained from June 2012 to May 2013



The **TOPAZ AWARD** (80,000 points)

Jean Meeking & **RIVA**

(The first Jack Russell Terrier to gain this award)



The **PEARL AWARD** (30,000 points)

Neil Meeking & **BARNEY**

Judy Parker & **SAFFY**

Andrea Hack & **MEGAN**

Andrea Hack & **ROXANNE**

The **ICE BLUE MOON AWARD** (20,000 points)

Karen Garrett & **MILLIE**

Lynda King & **YOGI BEAR**

The **GOLD AWARD** (15,000 points)

Margaret Challans & **BLUE**

Olivia Harris & **DILLON**

Mark Taylor & **STAR**

Laura Pacey & **GIZMO**

The **SILVER AWARD** (10,000 points)

Roger Batten & **SKYE**

Rosemary Batten & **MONTY**

Julie Thornton & **MEG**

The **ADVANCED AWARD** (5,000 points)

Jean Meeking & **LETTICE**

Gwen James & **ECHO**

Rosemary Batten & **MONTY**

The **GRADUATE AWARD** (3,000 points)

Jean Meeking & **LETTICE** Pat Revitt & **WIDGETT**



The **FLYBALL DOG AWARD** (200 points)

Bhavnes Patel & **ZIMBA**

Bhavnes Patel & **ROXY**

Bhavnes Patel & **SUNNY**

Cathy Johnson & **BENJI**

Pat Harte & **ORLA**

WELL DONE EVERYONE

AGM Carried Proposals

A number of proposals were put before the meeting and those carried are outlined below.

Rule 4.1...Tournament organisers can only book a maximum of 6 open or limited open tournaments from 1st April to 30th September. A tournament in addition to the 6 can be applied for and may be accepted under certain circumstances by the Show Secretary with support by the Committee.

Rule 4.1...Tournament applications venues must be within 50 mile(crows' flies) radius from the team captain's home address. Anything outside the 50 miles will require further consideration by the Show Secretary and Committee and may be allowed where they consider the best interests of the membership are served.

Rule 4.1 – addition to the current rule...For applications for Sanctioned Tournaments within this 50 miles radius of an existing Sanctioned Tournament ***add: The Show Secretary, supported by the Committee, can reduce the distance between shows where it is considered to be in the best interests of the membership and the provision of sufficient racing opportunities.***

Rule 5.6 (c)...A dog will be measured from the ground ***add: or board to between*** its withers.

A dog deemed ***add: NOT MEASURED*** by the measuring officials will jump at the height of the smallest dog in its team (running, not standing by) if that dog measured less than 19" to ***add: between*** the withers.

Rule 5.19 (f) - Addition to the current rule...***All members of BFA teams, whether registered or unregistered individuals, are forbidden to use electronic shock collars, electronic dummy collars or pinch/prong collars on the tournament grounds at sanctioned tournaments. The tournament grounds include racing rings, spectator, parking and camping areas.***

Rule 6.1... Remove: Membership applications or renewals must be received by the membership secretary within 14 days of competing in a sanctioned Tournament. Failure to ***remove: do so...add comply*** will result in the loss of all points and tournament placing for that team.

Election of the BFA Committee

One member of the Committee had decided to stand down. The following BFA members in alphabetical order were nominated:

Sharon Allcorn, Tony Cain, Jo Crosswell, Ray Lewis and Dave Long. There being 5 nominations for 5 vacancies on the Committee, no election was necessary.

Presentations of Annual Awards for 2012

Team of the year – Open	1 st Extreme Racers	16.06	Hope, Darcie, Lou, Flash
	2 nd Live Wires	16.31	Willow, Jody, Phar, India
	3 rd High Flyers	16.42	Moss, Floss, Tanner, Millie
Team of the year – Multibreed	The Extremists	16.82	Skye, Tristan, Darcie, Hope
Claire Gristwood Trophy	1 st Many Cain	6675points	Teyla
Junior Handler Award (over 12)	1 st Kerry Anderson		Dundee Dynamutts
	2 nd Daisy Harrop		Ready2Fly
	3 rd Ellena Novasio		Wilmslow Wild Dogs
	4 th Abbi Reynolds Dobson		Warwickshire Woofs
Junior Handler Award (under 12)	1 st Jessica Short		Commandos
	2 nd Owen Garrett		Wilmslow Wild Dogs
Junior Boxloader Award (over 12)	1 st Ellena Novasio		Wilmslow Wild Dogs
	2 nd Luca Fiore		Fenland Firestorm
	3 rd Daisy Harrop		Ready2Fly
	4 th Abbi Reynolds Dobson		Warwickshire Woofs
Junior Boxloader Award (under 12)	1 st Jessica Short		Commandos

A couple of Blasts from the Past



Nothing phases the intrepid Alpha's.

Did the BBQ
really provide
sufficient heat?

Did the awning not
have enough space?



You may be surprised to
find this picture was not taken
last year!

Rain has stopped play at other
times too!

Welcome to our New Members

Lisa Iddon TBC
Amelia Cleaver Water Orton Wonderdogs
Carol Clark Down Dog
Angela Kelly Gleniffer
Mark Osborne Ramsden Rockers
Jackie Warnock Funky Fidos Flyballers
Sally Clinch The Abbots
Katy Hickin Warwickshire Woofs
Alison Yeomans Calverley Chasers
Jan Bampton Cotswold Cyclones
Caitlin Cartwright Fenland Firestorm
Adele & Chris Antcliff Calverley Chasers
Christina & Chris Hatcher Fenland Firestorm
Marian Cartlidge TBC
Louise Denner Kiddy Monsters
Lisa Hudson Bristol Ball-istics
Laura Johnstone & Helen Bowie Tayside Roadrunners
Deborah Hibbert The Sussex Screammers
Andrew & Hannah Newell Red Rose Rockets
Paul Astbury & Lynda Lyon Live Wires
Dave Moran & Samantha Jones Highgate
Anne & Ian Richens Fenland Firestorm
Lorraine Williams All4One
Elaine Riddell & George Kennedy Dundee Dynamutz
Jess & Ade Marson Shawcross Racers
Chris Hickman Happy Humbugs
Hayley Chidlow Shawcross Racers
Sue Skull Bristol Ball-istics
Bella Preson Hinckley Hooligans
Patricia Iversen Aces High
Ben Goldfinch & Caroline Hunton Delta Force
Andrew Manley The Sussex Screammers
Anne Richardson Free Wheelers
Lisa Tarry Aces High
Kelly Hutchinson & Chris Murphy Shawcross Racers
Neil Fowell Dukes Barking Balls
Lynn Cross Manx Missiles
Nic Pagett Dogs Funzone
Mollee Merlins Magicians
Penny, Tom & Jess Donnelly Triple-J-Stars
Joanna Oakey Aces High
Spike Highgate
Kim Watts Active8 Animals
Amy & Claire Limmer Whitley Wonders
Jacqueline Adamson Whitley Wonders
Jo, Andrew, Emily & Jess Bayfield Bassett Allsorts
Carol, Alex & Isobel Rankin Coyote Unleashed
Oliver, Caroline, Edward & Benedict Handley & Thomas &
Christopher Russell-Hill The Doghouse
Jane Atkinson Aces High
Geraldine Yeomans DogStar
Michael & Claire Statton Cotswold Cyclones
Kristy Wonders & Roy Young Whitley Wonders

Natalie Pell Manx Missiles
Gemma & Jenette Clark Formula One
Imogen Rubinstein Knebworth Twisters
Julia Bicker Rooky Racers
Lucy Brown Active8 Animals
Anna Bellwood The Dons
Dee Morgan Shooting Stars
Molly Harte Molten Magnets
Julia Hatcher Fenland Firestorm
Iain Hamilton, Sally Richardson & Ione & Mia
Hyndman Aces High
Brian Hare TafsTurbos
Lydia M & Eva M Mourad Rooky Racers
Dawn Allen Danetre Waves
Wayne & Debbie Porter TBC
Babs McMillan Flea Jumperz
Jamie Tipler Midshires Mud Pack
Nicky & Katie Beddow Keresley K9 Runners
Debbie James Frittenden Frisbees
Gillian Jackson Bring Your Own Ball (BYOB)
Anna Everitt Fenland Firestorm
Charlie Marks Delta Force
Theo Gilding Chilli Peppers
Carole Mason Karma Kanines
David Dingwll Delta Force
Leo Sutton The Northern Bytes
Susan Gibbs & Daryl Richards Knebworth Twisters
Phoebe Williams Buccaneers
Noel Kivell Cheshire Set
Teresa Jones Rooky Racers
Charlotte Hickey The Sussex Screammers
Michele & Ian Johnson TBC
Christopher Veevers Four In The Fast Lane
Laura Doyle Cheshire Set
Katie & Kevin Simmons The Abbots
Holly Phillips & Emma Jarvis Scrambles Shambles
Daniel Thompson Paws 8
Joshua Lamb-Kimberley Red Rose Rockets
Alexandra Hartley Calverley Chasers
Katie Robinson Kaos
Anthony & Amber Smith Fylde Coasters
Elliott & Seth McGeachie Calverley Chasers
Stephen Ellis Racing Herts
Sarah Johns & Lauren Gosney Kennet Zingers
Anne Mitchell Scrambles Shambles
Gren Duffy DogWise
Emma Rowley Kiddy Monsters
Charlotte Tidy Scrambles Shambles
Mary Waring Scrambles Shambles
Tracey Stubbs Sheffield Speeders
Zoe Colling Yorkshire Bouncers
James & Hazel Merridew Ready2Fly
Rita & Sara Jacob Scrambles Shambles

BFA Officials Slot

Show Secretary

I have had to contact four or five TOs already this year due to problems with their ROs, usually too many races per day.

Also some teams (mainly in the south) persistently fail to post their ROs on the website, as required in the rules.

I have asked the Committee to give me extra pairs of eyes so that both these matters can be monitored.

Judy Parker

Statistics

The standard of both **team time sheets** and **Tournament Organisers paper work** has become considerably worse over the period we have been updating the statistics. We would never keep up with the stats if, due to there being so many errors and omissions, we spent the time contacting captains and organisers to point out their errors.

Some Tournament Organisers are not getting their results to Stats and the Treasurer within 7 days of their tournament ending. Those that are late cause problems.

[An item has been sent to the Editor of the Flyball Record detailing the numerous difficulties experienced by the Stats Team. Please carefully read Page 13 and apply the correct procedure. Ed]

Ron Edge

Membership Secretary

Following on from the massive flow of all the year-end renewals – both paper and on-line - the workload is considerably less. In March there was a slight increase in New Membership Applications as the tournaments have now started – about 4 or 5 a day. Members wishing to renew their membership or had forgotten are now able to complete their renewal on-line, thereby receiving an automated acknowledgment by return. I can then pick up the on-line renewals from the system and enter them into the database, also processing any new members that may be added.

I provide weekly updates to the database to Ron and Vera, our Stats team, to Jane Allen, who inputs the new members onto the BFA website and copy to Sam Massey. This provides updates of new teams, members and new dogs. I then input the new teams and new dogs onto the BFA website.

In addition to this there are quite a lot of e-mails with various queries or questions to deal with and members who wish to add new dogs which are not on the BFA list of registered breeds. Any problems I feel I cannot answer, I seek the Committee's advice.

New Teams:

Since December, there have been quite a few more Applications for New Team names. These new Applications have been received from various parts of the country including Scotland and Northern Ireland, as Flyball interest increases countrywide.

Pat Wadby

Tracking Tricks(for our doggie friends)

When you would like a longer walk than usual, why not pretend you've got the scent of something **big** and dash off into the undergrowth. Naturally, you'll ignore any commands you are given no matter how loudly they are shouted. This will force your human to follow you.

An even better trick when you are attached to your human by a lead, is to simply follow your nose. You'll soon discover if your human enjoys getting dirty too! An added bonus is that you may be able to compare scents with each other afterwards.

When would I be accused of committing a Flyball crime if I 'hold back'

Interestingly enough not as often as some members might think.

You have a dog/s that is a) a young/old but still enjoying Flyball/inexperienced/recovering from injury/being run by an inexperienced handler and therefore is not doing bum clenching changeovers.

NOT a crime.

The welfare of the dog is of paramount importance. It's good practice though to speak to the division Judge before you race so that he/she is aware of the situation. In fact, like not having your dog measured you might well find yourself challenged!

Even handlers that have been enjoying Flyball for many years may never be able to do tight changeovers – but just observe the joy on their face when they do manage a good one. **NOT a crime.**

A replacement handler is running an unfamiliar dog. OK some handler's may be able to step in and run another dog perfectly immediately but the majority of us need to have adjustment time. **NOT a crime.**

A handler is inconsistent with changeovers, some good some not so good or perhaps they just weren't paying attention on that leg, it happens. The rest of the team usually let them know they need to 'buck up their ideas' and they then try harder. Most teams have someone 'on the line' so that will help the judge to know the situation. **NOT a crime.**

Your dog gets a light, the opposing team hasn't, you elect not to re-run your dog. **NOT a crime.**

The error may have been the handler's, the dog may be 'iffy' and would simply repeat the error, the weather conditions may be poor for the welfare of the dogs The other team has won anyway. It's better to only re-run a dog once or at most twice, again a welfare issue. The division Judge can stop a race if both teams can't complete or if your team can't complete against an empty lane/NFC team/team running less than 4 dogs. **NOT a crime.**

The opposing team gets a light, you ease up, still running fast but being careful not to get a light (not that teams always achieve that! ('why did you get that light is the cry!)) **NOT a crime.**

You ease right back making wide changeovers (you could drive a bus through that one!) **IS a crime.**

Your team is running against an empty lane/NFC team/team with less than 4 dogs. You might not push for very tight changeovers and risk getting a light but still run fast. **NOT a crime.**

The division Judge observes you are really resting on your laurels. **IS a crime.**

You have a 5 or 6 dog team, our rules allow for the use of 'alternates' so you change the dogs you are running. The team continues to race even though the alternate dog is slower. **NOT a crime.**

You put in a slower alternate dog and also do poorer starts and wide changeovers. **IS a crime.**

Your team gets a light, you don't run the rest of your dogs' thus in effect you are not racing. You should run all 4 dogs (unless you have a dog running last that has an issue and you have informed the division judge about this). **IS a crime.**

You are in 'danger' of breaking out so you do poor starts and wide changeovers where previously you have been racing much faster. Is that placing in the division so important to you that you aren't really racing – Flyball is a racing sport, man up and get your new seed time and let the teams you race against enjoy their racing too. (Jockey's get into trouble for not racing, so can you.) **IS a crime.**

You start the day racing well but are close to break out, so you become erratic getting poor starts, wide changeovers and lights but still managing to win your races because your running shadows that of the teams you are racing against. Later on in the day, you race against a team that is able to run about the same times as you so you really race with consistent times but without breaking out. See also the previous scenario. **IS a crime.**

The team member on the line is inconsistent with indicating your changeovers sometimes indicating a wide, sometimes good when in fact the gap is the same each time. When you are really racing this line person gets the gap spot on. **IS a crime.**

The role of the team member on the line is to help you to improve your changeovers. If your line person isn't competent as yet, you can always ask another team to help. Flyballers are helpful folk.

DOGGIE LANGUAGE

starring Boogie the Boston Terrier



ALERT



SUSPICIOUS



ANXIOUS



THREATENED



ANGRY



"PEACE!"
look away/head turn



STRESSED
yawn



STRESSED
nose lick



"PEACE!"
sniff ground



"RESPECT!"
turn & walk away



"NEED SPACE"
whale eye



STALKING



STRESSED
scratching



STRESS RELEASE
shake off



RELAXED
soft ears, blinky eyes



"RESPECT!"
offer his back



FRIENDLY & POLITE
curved body



FRIENDLY



"PRETTY PLEASE"
round puppy face



"I'M YOUR LOVEBUG"
belly-rub pose



"HELLO I LOVE YOU!"
greeting stretch



"I'M FRIENDLY!"
play bow



"READY!"
prey bow



"YOU WILL FEED ME"



CURIOUS
head tilt



HAPPY
(or hot)



OVERJOYED
wiggly



"MMMM...."



"I LOVE YOU, DON'T STOP"

Welcome to our New Members

Mark Jacob Scrambles Shambles
Ginette & Dean Towers Gofours
Hayley Good Dream Team
Linzi Dixon Dogs Funzone
Helen Asghar The Sussex Screammers
Allan Stroud Frittenden Frisbees
Derek Taylor Merlins Magicians
Berit Bernsten Flying Foxes
John Shepherd TBC
Gail & Mya McGough Fylde Coasters
Tracey Chance Dream Team
Derek Gumm Alnwick Arrows

Perry Keating, Wallace Keable & Graham
Townsend Hotshots
Louisa Watson The Northern Bytes
Ian Richens Fenland Firestorm
Julian Taylor Hotshots
Marie Jackson Whiterose Wagtails
Michelle McQuillan & Andrew Mrozek TBC
Pete Leeming Brigg Muttley Crew
Helen Moore & Thomas Walton Highgate
Maria Simpson Dream Team
Rebecca Belshaw & Daniel Johnson Cambs Canines

New Teams

Ballybogy Boomerangs

Killie

The Phantoms

Waggytails Flyball

Frittenden Frisbee's

Bring Your Own Ball (BYOB)

Gleniffer

Down Dog

Dogs Funzone

4x4 Flyball Club

Scratch Squad

Scrambles Shambles

Onley Outlaws

Ballybogy Boomerangs

Killie Sealed with a Touch; Killie Ultimutz

Phantom Fury; Phantom Flash; Phantom Fusion

WaggytailEnders

Frittenden Fusions

BYOB Starting; BYOB to Play; BYOB Chasers; Everyone BYOB;

BYOB Mixers; BYOB Shots

Gleniffer Angels; Gleniffer Pixies

Down Dog Dashers

4x4 Quattro; 4x4 Defenders; 4x4 Rally

Scratchin' About; Start from Scratch; Scratch Test Dummies

Scrambles Scrappers

Onley 'Opefuls



**But...But...my paws ARE still on the ground,
so technically, I am not on the furniture!**

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The Laser system -Dog measuring made easier

The laser measuring equipment was introduced for dog measuring to be a non-invasive system for the welfare of our dogs. Of course, there are always 'problems' when something new is encountered. So here's a little bit of helpful advice to make the measuring process a calm and tranquil experience for both handler and dog.

Forget the old system, there's no need to 'place' your dog the dog doesn't have to stand at a designated place, (if a board is being used, anywhere on the board is fine) the laser line extends a long way and as long as you are not in the way of the beam the dog can be facing any direction. Be relaxed yourself (your feelings are transmitted down the lead!) When you take your dog for a walk stop from time to time, your dog will naturally stand in its correct stance, so introduce the stand command. The measurer 'makes friends' to 'find' the withers and will be able to gently place the stick in position, upright and the other measurer will read off the measurement. Laser measurements can be quick and accurate if everyone 'plays their part' to make the experience a good, not scary one.

And Finally

A Gentle Piece of Advice for Flyballers

