

Bat Ears

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THE MIDLANDS AND NORTHERN COUNTIES FRENCH BULLDOG CLUB

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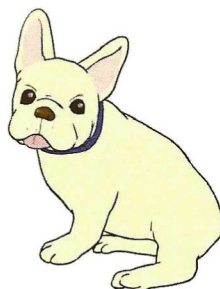
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If you would like to contribute to future Bat Ears with an appropriate article it would be very much appreciated, it may be edited to suit but I will endeavor to maintain its intent to the best of my ability, please feel free to send your article to: -

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Editors Introduction and notes

Well, it has finally arrived, I made the silly mistake of telling the Chairman that I would pick up creating the Bat Ears after I retired. As of the end of last year I took the jump and went all in with my retirement after working in the same company for 41 years. Unfortunately for me (and the rest of you folks as well I suspect) Dean never forgot my veiled threat to give the Bat Ears a try.

To say that is has been the strangest of introductions with the advent of Covid can only be described as a bit of an understatement. Being an old codger and having a fair bit of life experience behind me I can safely say I have never known a year like it, nothing even comes remotely close.

This will clearly have an impact as to the content of this magazine as the ability to fill it out with show results and judges' critiques is going to be a little thin on the ground for 15 months, so please bear with me for this edition at least. Owing to my procrastination in getting this published I now at least have the MNCFBC 2020 results to be able to add.

For those of you that do not know me consider yourselves blessed, for those that do, unlucky as you had the chance to volunteer to do this yourselves (apologies as this is my warped sense of humor). I got involved with showing Frenchie's about 8 years ago after my wife forced me dragging and screaming, so a mere whippersnapper in comparison to some of the more seasoned Pros. As a result, I got hooked myself, more as a spectator and critic from outside the ring than a lead bearer. We have 2 brindles and 3 pied Frenchie's and an old Labrador who has just turned 14 this year. I am afraid we lost our Chocolate Labrador boy Bailey last year at the age of 13, I do not need to tell you just how hard that all felt. Our 2 Brindles are the ones we mainly show and they are Niamh and Verity, although Verity has only just turned 2 in June so her show time has been somewhat limited to say the least. We still have our very first Frenchie who is Rio and she was 9 this June and was the foundation for the other 4 we now have.

We have had some tremendous help from people over the years including members of the committee, which is what spurred me to try and give something back and pick up this challenge.

I have so fallen for this breed with their clown like ways and the fact that they have not worked out that their head tells them they are a large dog and their body is more in line with a smaller stature creature, they seem to hold no fear of anything. One of the little traits I see when I walk ours in 2 groups of 3, is the way they shake themselves off. It starts at the head and progresses down the body until it reaches the back legs at which point those legs just flay from side to side like some sort of threshing machine, it just makes me smile every time I see it.

I hope I have not changed things around too much for the purists among you but we have tried to trim a little cost out of the magazine and have even tried getting a consensus of those willing to take an electronic copy instead of the printed one but totally understand those who still prefer it in the printed form. The jury is still out on which way to go with this!

Take Care and stay safe, Mike Hunter (mikej.hunter@icloud.com)

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Chairman's Ditty

What a year. It is hard to remember the start of the 2020 season and the months up to February '20, before the Coronavirus Pandemic changed life as we knew it.

Can I start by extending our sympathies to all those who have lost loved ones and to those who have suffered in any way due to this awful disease and its consequences? I also want to express our thanks to the NHS and all the frontline services that have served us so well in these difficult times.

Regrettably due to the Coronavirus we had to cancel all 3 of our shows.

A huge thank-you to the committee who work hard to put on these events and to all our members who support them so generously. We hope to resume normal service as soon as circumstances permit.

The biggest impact has been an absolutely unprecedented number of people finding themselves with more time at home who have wanted to add a dog to their family. The demand for dogs has risen to such a level that the prices being asked for puppies as well as adult dogs, has doubled and in some cases trebled. This time last year £1,800 would buy a top-quality pup with a good pedigree, today we are seeing prices of £3,000 plus and sometimes more for dogs often with no recognisable pedigree and frequently without Kennel Club registration. I would point out that there are many responsible breeders who are breeding good quality puppies and asking reasonable prices, my concern is this is going to have a massive impact on the welfare services once the demand start decreasing.

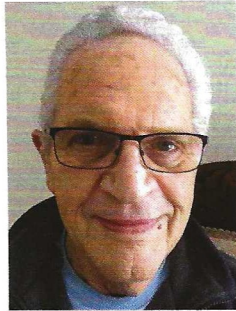
On a positive note, we see the return of Bat Ears our club magazine. We have secured the services of Mike Hunter who as we speak is working away tirelessly producing our next edition. So, thank you Mike for taking on this roll.

This year sees the clubs new updated website which continues to attract plenty of views and is a great source of information for our members. A massive thank you to David Spencer for sorting this out you certainly did a fabulous job.

We have so much to look forward to this year we have two championship shows and one open show to look forward to starting with our cancelled 2020 championship show in July.

Lastly, I'd like to say a massive thank you to the officers & committee of this club for all you hard work and efforts on behalf of the club & its members. I look forward to what looks to be a very exciting year ahead.

Chairman
Dean Cund



Message From the Club President – Peter Kendrick

It is so good to have Bat Ears back. My sincere thanks go to Mike Hunter who has taken over the task of Editor. The return of Bat Ears would not have been possible without the hard work put in by Mike.

I would also like to thank all our members for the loyalty they have shown to the club through these very difficult times

The committee have done a sterling job holding everything together and ensuring that the club has functioned throughout the pandemic. Shows have been cancelled and rescheduled, judges have had to cancel and new judges found at short notice due to covid travel restrictions, we have all discovered what a Zoom meeting is and have had to learn how to have virtual meetings. Well done to all those on the committee who have worked hard and given so much of their time

Can I please ask our members to seriously consider applying to become members of the M&NCFBC committee as without an active committee we will not have a club? We are desperately in need of an injection of young blood and we would really welcome members who are willing to be involved in helping the club to progress in these difficult times

Our breed has become so popular in recent years which unfortunately has a big downside in that there are those that only buy these loving little dogs to breed from. All Frenchies should be house dogs and part of the family, as you all know they have so much love to give. I despair when they are only used as breeding machines. This leads me on to the Welfare Trust who do a wonderful job fostering, evaluating and rehoming these unwanted Frenchies, it is so tragic. I would urge you all to give as much support and help to the Welfare Trust and the other Frenchie rescue groups as you can.

Finally, I thank you all for your support and wish you all a successful and happy showing season and send lots of love to all your Frenchies

Peter

Ch Chelmbull The Aviator



Joint breed record holder top winning male in UK breed history. Will be shown lightly this year. Sire of history making Chelmbull Rocket man.

Chelmbull Rocket Man Chelmbull Eternal Flame



Litter mates doing the double at Driffild winning DCC & BCC

Chelmbull Rocket Man & his Half-sister different sires Chelmbull Eternal Flame. All Bred Owned & Handled by ourselves Dean & Abbie Cund & Alex & Linda Harrop.

Chelmbull Rocket Man



Making breed history by being the only French Bulldog in the 120-year history of the breed to win an all-breed Best In Show. His record to date is unbelievable winning 3 CCs 2 RCCs 2 Puppy Groups 1 Best Puppy In Show all breeds Championship show. 1 Adult Utility group 1 Best in Show All breeds Championship show along with BIS M&NCFBC Championship show all this at under 10 months of age.

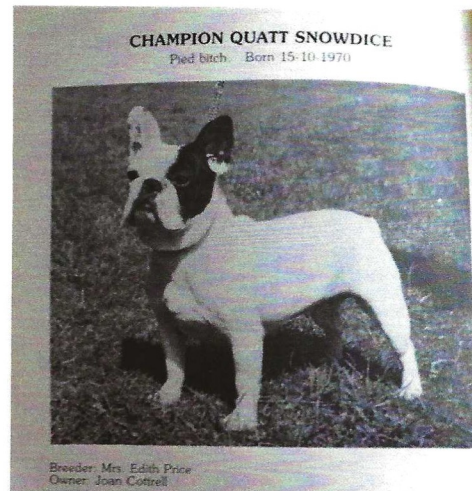
A Fond Farewell to Edith Price and all those we may have missed including our furry friends

Sad to say as the rainbow bridge is crossed for some of our friends, colleagues, family members and of course many of our furry friends, that we may have missed saying goodbye to in this issue of the magazine, please accept our sincere apologies and above all our condolences.

We are aware of a very good friend and supporter of the club and the breed who has passed away and as a result we have named some special awards at our Championship show in September in the honor of her name

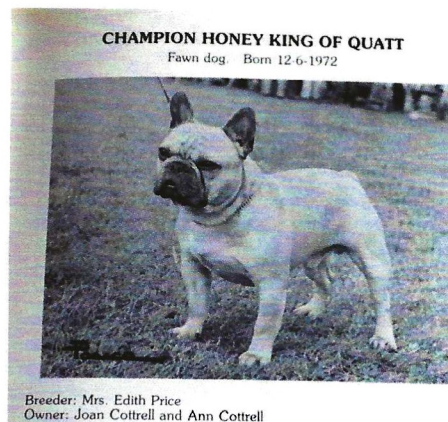
The Special Award classes are being held in memory of Edith Price, a lady who showed great commitment to our club and owned/bred Frenchies successfully. Ch Honey King of Quatt won 25 CCs and was the Breed Record Holder at one time. He was BOB at Crufts 1974, 1975 & 1976.

Ch Quatt Snowdice



Pied Bitch Born: 15th October 1970 Breeder: Edith Price
Owner: Joan Cottrell

Ch Honey King of Quatt



Fawn Dog Born: 12th June 1972 Breeder: Edith Price
Owners: Joan & Ann Cottrell

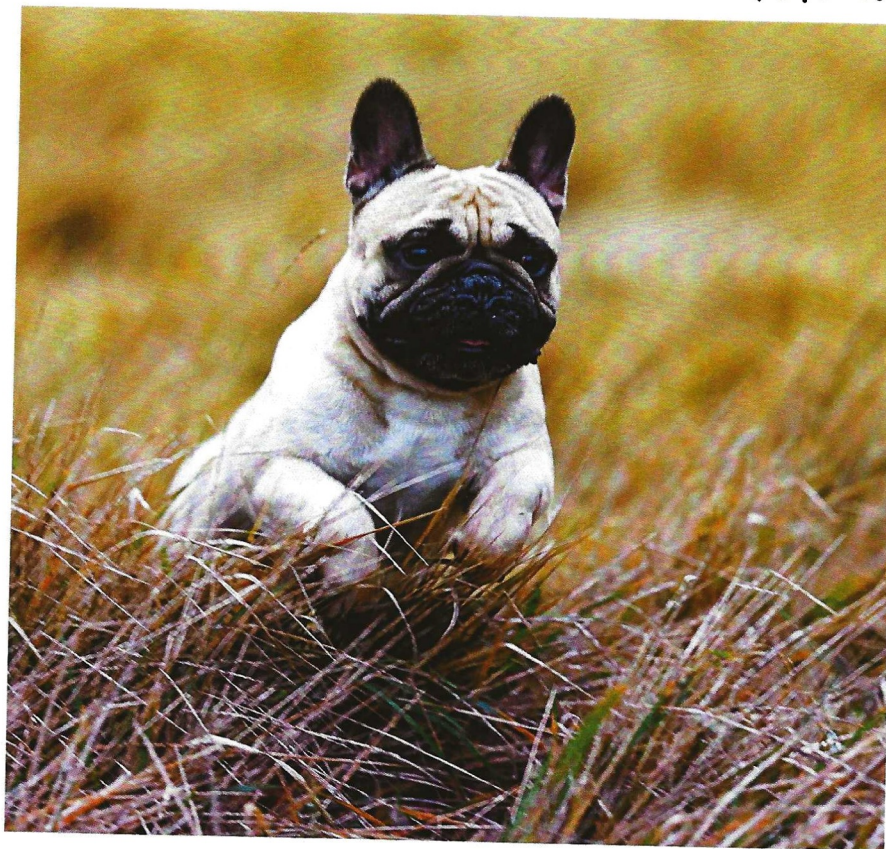
OLIJAH

DREAMS AND DEDICATION ARE
A POWERFUL COMBINATION

Josh Henderson & Olivia Timms



Maui



Cro.Ch. Eastonite Maui JW ShCM OSW

CC, RCC °

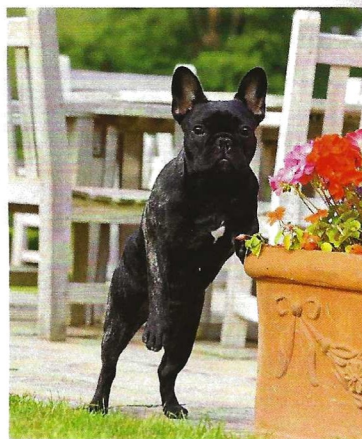
2x CACIB, 5x CAC °

Split Winners Title 2020 °

First French Bulldog to Achieve ShCEX °

First Dog All Breeds to Achieve New-style JW °

TO THE LEFT IS *Togo* | Olijah Total Knockout



OLIJAH

Josh
&
Olivia

At Its Best

CLOCKWISE TO THE LEFT

- Banana* o Eastonite Moana JW | CACIB, 7x CAC
Raya o Olijah Up The Ante
Flicka o Chelmbull Stary Seas for Olijah | RCC
Vinnie o Olijah Magic Touch of Dechambeaux
Co-owned with Leigh Chamberlain

ON THIS PAGE *Chase* o Olijah Cut to the Chase



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Are 2 championship shows at one venue on the same day a virtue or a hinderance?

As a result of the dreaded Covid a number of Champ shows have tried to combine to allow 2 shows to be carried out at one location in succession. So, what are the benefits or disadvantages in that?

Firstly, as someone who lives in the depths of the South West for which I am eternally grateful by the way, having all that wonderful countryside and beautiful beaches on my doorstep, it is a huge advantage.

I created an excel spreadsheet a few years ago that outlines the cost of entering championship shows including the travel costs and it scared the hell out of me. To allow us to travel on 1 day and achieve 2 champ shows at the same time is in effect halving our fuel bill. For those that live in central England it probably does not impact you so much, but I know people at shows travel from all corners of the country and in some cases do even more miles than we do so they would also see the benefits I suspect.

The other advantage is doing our little bit to reduce the pollution contributing to global warming which many of us are concerned about for our children and grandchildren's future

The main disadvantage that I can see is around the potential for something to go wrong or in the world of the little ladies in the group a season starting and being evident which results in 2 shows being forfeited at the same time.

There may be people out there that do not bother to travel to shows that are a greater distance than they are prepared to travel that may think twice should 2 shows be available at the same time.

From a planning perspective in the knowledge that a whole team of people are involved in creating the pop-up small village for some of the venues there is a huge advantage in other champ show groups contributing towards those costs and possibly being mutually beneficial in reducing cost for both of the show groups.

So, the way I see it there are more pro's than cons in this, but I would be interested to see any of your thoughts in challenging my logic and perhaps help me to clear my rose-tinted glasses.

Once again please understand these are my thoughts and not the reflection of the committee although I suspect some of them may be happy to save money like me.

Mike

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Membership Notes

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know what has been happening on the membership front since the last edition of Bat Ears and of course during

the pandemic.

Last year was not a normal year and although the officers and committee continued to work behind the scenes, due to the Covid-19 restrictions and regulations very little happened for our members during the year. All three of our shows were cancelled together with our AGM and Bat Ears was unable to be published due to the lack of an editor.

In view of the above, the officers and committee agreed that all fully paid members for 2020 would be given free membership for 2021. We hope you agreed with this gesture of goodwill, however some members insisted that we still accepted their payments as donations to the club or requesting that their subscriptions be passed onto the French Bulldog Welfare Trust as donations. Both the M&NCFBC and the Welfare Trust thank you for your generosity.

As you are all aware the number of French Bulldogs registered with the Kennel Club has hit new records, yet despite of this, the number of new members to our club has in no way matched this trend. This is worrying as the many new owners, especially during the lockdown period, are not getting the knowledge and help from established owners and breeders in the club who have vast experience in the world of Frenchies. This can be such a help to a new owner whether they are going to show their dog or the dog is a loving member of the family.

We would ask all members to actively promote the club and encourage Frenchie owners to join us. A membership application form is included in this copy of Bat Ears and further forms are available on our website

www.mncfrenchbulldogclub.com where full details of the different memberships are explained. Perhaps if you have a litter of puppies you could consider gifting a years membership of the M&NCFBC to the new owners.

If you have any questions regarding memberships please email me at membershipmncfbc@gmail.com

Thank you for your support

David Spencer

Membership Secretary M&NCFBC

Midland & Northern Counties French Bulldog Club

Hon Sec: Amanda-Jayne Pike Application for membership

Please complete this form and return together with the correct membership fee to the Membership Secretary, The Bungalow, Autumn Cottage, Baughton Hill, Earls Croome, Worcs WR8 9DG

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL RED SECTIONS IN BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE

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If applying for **FULL** Membership then please enter the names of the Proposer & Secunder (not required for Associate Membership)

Proposed by.....**Secundered by**.....

The Proposer and Secunder must be fully paid up members of the Midland & Northern Counties French Bulldog Club.

Membership Fees (cheques should be made payable to Midland & Northern Counties French Bulldog Club) Please tick type of membership required

Single - £10.00

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Joint -£12.00 (incl. Juniors under 16)

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Overseas - £15.00

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I/We understand that our name & address details are held on a computer in the sole care of the Membership Secretary, that they are printed onto a membership list for use within the MNCFCB & The Kennel Club but will not be released to outside agencies. To comply with Data Protection Act, the MNCFCB must ask if you object that your details are disclosed within the club.

In signing this declaration, I declare that I have read, and will abide by the MNCFCB rules and regulations.

Signature **Date**

Please enclose a brief introduction about yourself and any information you think will be relevant to your application. All applications will be dealt with at the next available committee meeting.

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Sonni



It's with the saddest heart we have said goodbye to
our darling Sonni

A Peter Pan of Frenchies 13 years old but looked
and acted more like a 5 year old

IN LOVING MEMORY OF A WONDERFUL DOG

Sylvia & Tony Greensmith



KiByhan French Bulldogs



KiByghan Band Of Gold JW

3 RCC'S

PG4

KiByghan Stand By Me



Niamh



Verity

Bred, Shown & Loved by

Ann Marie & Mike Hunter

KENNEL CLUB REGISTRATIONS UP BY 7.8% IN 2020

Kennel Club registrations are not normally a subject to get many people excited.

However, with all the trauma that has surrounded the Kennel Club website and registrations system and what seemed to be thousands of complaints in the last six months, and the well-publicised puppy boom, the figures just out provide interesting reading

There has been conjecture with the many failings of the new system that breeders had simply given up and had stopped registering puppies. Not so it seems, although the increase differs to what had been stated.

The Kennel Club website's detailed registration statistics now show that, contrary to the 15% which was previously announced as the increase for 2020 over 2019, the actual increase in 2020 was 7.8%. The total figure for 2020 was 250,659 which is up 18,104 on the previous year. In fact, the 2020 registration number has reversed the drop experienced in 2019 and is now almost identical to the figure achieved in 2018, which was 250,611.

The first half of 2020 to June saw an increase of 8.3% with the second half, despite the website closures and muddles, managing an increase of 7.3% over the same period in 2019.

The highest numbers of KC registrations in recent times were in 2006, 2007 and 2008 when they totalled around 270,000 in each of these three years. The record figure ever experienced by the KC was in 1989 when 283,915 dogs were registered. The 2020 figure is only some 12% less than that record number.

Group figures in 2020 saw four of the seven groups with increases. They were as follows:

Group	2019	2020	Change
Hound	20,455	23,015	+12.5%
Gundog	86,035	95,652	+11.1%
Terrier	17,219	18,259	+ 6.0%
Utility	62,801	69,787	+11.1%
Working	13,064	12,752	-6.3%
Pastoral	13,403	13,109	-2.2%
Toy	19,578	18,085	-7.6%
TOTAL	232,555	250,659	+7.8%

Of the Utility group total number of 69,787 French Bulldogs make up about 56% of the total, along with Bulldogs the 2 account for a staggering 73% of the total puppies registered for the utility group in 2020

FRENCH BULLDOGS – FURTHER GROWTH

After a fall of 3,124 in 2019 French Bulldog registrations have increased again, this time by 5,607 and this makes up 80% of the overall increase of 6,986 experienced by the Utility Group

Kennel Club top ten breeds by registrations 2020

So how does the list look as the race for top spot ebbs and flows between the French bulldog and the Labrador, some may say they would rather not see these sorts of rises as the line gets drawn between responsible breeders and the not so scrupulous individuals.

1. Labrador Retriever 39,905
2. French Bulldog 39,266
3. Cocker Spaniel 25,565
4. Bulldog 11,594
5. Min S/H Dachshund 10,369
6. English Springer Spaniel 9,123
7. Golden Retriever 8,653
8. German Shepherd 7,067
9. Pug 6,033
10. Staffordshire Bull Terrier 5,010

Another way of viewing just how popular the French Bulldog breed has now become is to take the registration figures for the last 14 years from the Kennel club.

Year of reg	Registrations	Increase year on year	Increase since 2007
2007	692	0%	0%
2008	1025	48%	48%
2009	1521	48%	120%
2010	2204	45%	218%
2011	2771	26%	300%
2012	4648	68%	572%
2013	6990	50%	910%
2014	9670	38%	1297%
2015	14607	51%	2011%
2016	21470	47%	3003%
2017	30887	44%	4363%
2018	36785	19%	5216%
2019	33661	-8%	4764%
2020	39266	17%	5574%

What ever way you look at it there is a stratospheric rise in the number of registrations over a 14-year period.

I will allow you to draw your own conclusions from this data, I know I have a quite a strong view as to what sort of damage this is likely to cause to the health of the breed but I will leave it to you to decide.

ALL DATA OBTAINED FROM THE KENNEL CLUB AND THEN AN EXCEL SPREADSHEET WAS CREATED TO ESTABLISH THE YEAR ON YEAR AND INCREASES SINCE 2007 PERCENTAGE VALUES

Midland & Northern Counties French Bulldog Club Championship Show 2020 held on 25-07-2021

Judge- Mr G Drummond (Glenlee)

Many thanks to everyone who entered and managed to take part, sorry but the critiques were not available before going to print with Bat Ears

MPD 1/1

PD 3/0

- 1st CHELMBULL ROCKET MAN
- 2nd BOROBULLYZ ONE AND ONLY
- 3rd CRACKATARI SHOCKWAVE.

JD 5/2

- 1st CRACKATARI SHOCKWAVE
- 2nd AGRAMERS BALAM QUITZE AT TYTORRO
- 3rd JAFRAK PASSING SHOT TO MALPA

Y/D 2/1

- 1st ELLOUAB ROYAL PRIDE

N/D 4/1

- 1st CRACKATARI SHOCKWAVE
- 2nd ELLOUAB ROYAL PRIDE
- 3rd CONCIERGE GEORGE

G/D 2/1

- 1st KATAKIA TRY FOR RAGLE AT RAGLENARY

PG/D 4/2

- 1st ESTONITE FAT BOY SLIM
- 2nd CLAYTONMOOR DEXTER GORDON

L/D 10/2

- 1st WHY LIGHTNING STRIKES AT BOULEVAYA
- 2nd KUREDEUX RAGGAMUFFIN
- 3rd BOULE & ONUBA REVALUATION AT LUXBEAR (IMP ESP)
- 4th KUREDEUX BUNNY WAILER AT MOSSPORT
- 5th EASTONITE MOTTS REALITY

O/D 7/2

- 1st CH CHELMBULL THE AVIATOR
- 2nd QUIZIZZ MASURIA MIRACLE AT KATAKIA (IMP POL)
- 3rd CARGRAY MR BOJANGLES

4th LAKARIBAY YOU KNOW YOU KNOW
5th KUREDEUX BUNNY WAILER AT MOSSPORT

V/D 3/1

1st LT CH BUSER PLJUS MEMORY GAME OF FRUSTYLE
2nd SHOEBRIDGE BERGERAC

MP/B 6/1

1st CHELMBULL KISS FROM A ROSE
2nd LADY REBELLION AT BOULEVAYA
3rd ELLOUAB ROSE LEE
4th ESSENCEERA MEMORY RULE
5th ABIFINSTAR BLCK STAR

P/B 7/2

1st CRACKATARI ALL THAT JAZZ FOR KISSWORTHY
2nd SENORIO DE CARTHAGO MISS TOPETTE OF LUVUM (IMP ESP)
3rd CHELMBULL ETERNAL FLAME
4th NERAKDANE SLEIPNIR
5th KIANSPUCHI CARMEN MIRANDA

J/B 5/1

1st CRACKATARI ALL THAT JAZZ FOR KISSWORTHY
2nd CHELMBULL MOON RIVER
3rd CATRELMA SINA ROSHEEN
4th KIANSPUCHI CARMEN MIRANDA

Y/B 4/1

1st ROALICE MIGHTY MOUSE
2nd KIANSPUCHI BELIEVE IN MAGIC
3rd XANDENE SOFT TOUCH

N/B 2/0

1st KIANSPUCHI NORMA JEAN
2nd ELLOUAB ROSA LEE

G/B 4/1

1st KIBYGHAN STAND BY ME
2nd KATAKIA NUMERO ONE
3rd KIANSPUCHI BELIEVE IN MAGIC

PG/B 7/4

1st KAINSPUCHI NORMA JEAN
2nd FINLEWVAS TINYTOTS
3rd ROWENDALE FIG ROLL AT ELLSBERRY

ML/B 6/2

1st CHELMBULL STARY SEAS FOR OLIJAH
2nd MERIMNA'S IMAROSE SHOEBRIDGE
3rd CRACKATARI PRINCESS EBONY MAC
4th RENUAR LUNA SPIRT LUVUM (IMP LVA)

L/B 7/3

1st XANDENE TOUCH OF MAGIC
2nd KAINSPUCHI NORMA JEAN
3rd WASHOE I GOT THE GIRL AT BEAUFROGZ
4th CALAVEYS FENELLA AT RISCHALE

O/B 9/6

1st LAKARIBAY KISS ME
2nd KIBYGHAN BAND OF GOLD
3rd AMUELLE LITTLE MISS ARTEMIS

V/B 3/0

1st LABANJO SWEET CAROLINE
2nd STONEPIT DOMINO AT KIBYGHAN
3rd KONTESS V H BULLENPARADIJS WITH SHOEBRIDGE (IMP NLD)

DOG CC CHELMBULL ROCKET MAN

DOG RCC CH CHELMBULL THE AVIATOR

BPD CHELMBULL ROCKET MAN

B/V LT CH BUSER PLJUS MEMORY GAME OF FRUSTYLE

BCC LAKARIBAY KISS ME

BRCC CHELMBULL KISS FROM A ROSE

BPB CHELMBULL KISS FROM A ROSE

B/V LABANJO SWEET CAROLINE

BIS CHELMBULL ROCKET MAN

RBIS CH CHELMBULL THE AVIATOR

BPIS CHELMBULL ROCKET MAN

BVIS LABANJO SWEET CAROLINE

A member's tale-(tail)😊

This story was kindly contributed by Robert Hamlyn from West Sussex

Some Memories of our Frenchie's

After losing our Boxer at the age of eleven, we were looking for a smaller dog as company for our father while we were out at work. He, I am sure, would have preferred an English Bulldog, but we felt that one of those might be a little too much for him and I had once seen a pair of Frenchie's when visiting the verts one time, which I thought would be more suitable. Little did we know what we were letting ourselves in for!

First, Hulot came into our lives. He, like a later Frenchie, Clouseau, hated horses which made life a little difficult for us as we lived near Epsom racing stables. If we were out in the car and horses were spotted, they would both start barking wildly so we had to hurriedly cover them over. Another of Hulot's hates was the rear windscreen wiper, having jumped onto the parcel shelf of Susan's VW. This went on until eventually the parcel shelf just cracked under his weight! All this of course happened before we wised up to using a crate.

Father passed away and so we felt we should get a companion for Hulot, this resulted in Gigi joining the family. As we both worked not far from home at least one, if not both of us would return at lunchtime to let them out and to ensure them they had not been forgotten. They got on reasonably well. There were the occasional Frenchie disagreements where Gigi seemed to come off the worst, but no real damage, although feeding them involved some tactical deployment.

Hulot's breeder had very early on persuaded us to join The French Bulldog club of England and so our showing lives began. At one memorable club open show Hulot won 7 trophies and upon learning that the same judge was officiating at the Manchester Championship show we decided to give it a try. It was a 2-day trip for us but Hulot got reserve best dog in breed, so we returned home delighted. On the return trip Gigi slept solidly for 4.5 hours in Susan's arms. Further showing of our Frenchie's was not as successful, but meeting up with so many friends who we usually only met at shows was always enjoyable.

Another memory that sticks in my mind was the visit to Derbyshire to scatter Father's ashes. Susan had gone ahead and was staying with our other sister in

Durham and we were to meet up at one of the reservoirs in Derbyshire where my parents used to meet before they were married. We had a steamer chair which our other sister liked so we bought one for her with the intention of brining it with me and the dogs when we met up. As we set off from Tadworth, Gigi decided that that she did not want to stay in the back set and proceeded to leap in full flight to land on the front passenger seat, this being another time before getting wise to a crate. Hulot in the meantime was stamping all over the box that contained the chair. By the time we reached the M25 I was at the point of despair and wanted to return home. Despite my reservations we managed to achieve the initial objective.

One year we attended the Three Counties Show at Malvern. I am not sure at this point if it was Hulot and Gigi we were showing or Clouseau and Gigi. Gigi was small and no showgirl and it may have been that we had to enter her as there were no NFC's allowed, I am afraid my memory is failing. Any way it was a very wet day and there were absentees, leaving only 2 entries in open bitch, one of those being Gigi. True to form that girl was not going to walk around the ring under any circumstances. We were very surprised when a few weeks later we received her stud book number.

After sadly loosing Hulot at the tender age of 4, Clouseau came into our lives. He and Gigi did not get on but tolerated each other with the odd set too. Gigi was the boss and was not having a young whipper snapper taking over. After a scrap, which she always came second best, she would either go to the bottom of the garden and sit with her back to the house and sulk. Or the alternative was to sulk in an armchair. There was another memorable trip into Hampshire when we bought an armchair. Now unfortunately an armchair and a dog crate does not fit into a small old Renault Clio and the crate had to be folded and Gigi sat on my knee in the front passenger seat. Not to be upstaged by Gigi, Clouseau who was still in the back decided there was no way he was going to rough it and dually climbed into the armchair, sitting with his head lowered so he could look out. One couple who pulled up alongside us at traffic lights found the whole view highly amusing.

A while later we had the chance of a lovely pied who we could not resist, and Bebe joined the family. We were a little unsure as to how well she would be received by the Gigi and Clouseau and as result when we went to work, we felt it wise to keep the separated to start with. We tied 2 crates together with the doors

facing each other to give her a little more space and left for work. We should not have bothered! After returning from work at lunchtime to find her in bed with the others. We tried again, returned to work and on our return, it was exactly the same result. We gave up as they were getting on so well it seemed pointless. Next, we experienced the tricky situation of taking 3 Frenchie's for a walk together, it was almost inevitable that one would go 1 side a tree to the others. When we lost Gigi, I think she was about 8, we tried to bring another puppy into the family but this time Clouseau was having none of it and as we did not want to spend the rest of their days keeping them apart. Bebe would do her best to stay in between the 2 in a bid to protect the puppy, but sadly and with great misgivings we had to return the puppy to her breeder.

Clouseau sadly lost the use of his back legs at the age of 7, but it did not stop him playing with the girls when he could, he went on to enjoy life until he was 13.

Mimi followed Bebe and just after we moved to temporary rented accommodation in Oxfordshire. we had the chance of a fawn girl, Mae. Our landlady knew that we were moving into the property with 2 Frenchie's, but we somehow overlooked to make her aware that another was on the way. She must have noticed the increase as the dogs were often in the garden when she rode past with the hunt, but nothing was ever said.

We then found a house in Northamptonshire and joined the Midlands and Northern Counties French Bulldog Club. For a time, we just had the 2 girls, who gave us much enjoyment playing hide a seek in the garden and chasing each other up and down the landing.

We had a field behind our house and on one occasion we were walking through it when a collie type dog jumped the 4-foot-high wall between the field and its home and charged up to Mimi and Mae snarling. The girls usually very good tempered stood their ground. One of them must have given the dog the evil eye as it ran off, with Mimi close on its heels, followed by Mae screaming her head off.

Jack came into our lives when he was 3, a well-built boy who was deaf but had the correct length of tail apparently. The girls usually ignored him but he would have his revenge. When we had the kitchen extended in the Nottinghamshire house, we had a large hole knocked through under the stairs. This made a fantastic large bedroom for the dogs that was filled with a large squishy cushion (Great Dane size). The girls would go in first, followed by Jack who would snuggle

down and block the entrance/exit. The girls being too afraid to push their way out, revenge is sweet.

We were at a local show one day and I was walking him around the stands when he spied a fluffy toy in a box on the floor, so he helped himself to one. He would do the same if he saw something he fancied on the low display shelf at the vets.

If he decided not to walk, he would turn around and head for home. One time out walking he spotted a football. He managed to crawl under some wire fencing to get into the field then started playing with it. I was forced to go back to a gate that led into the field and ended up climbing over it, convinced it was locked retrieving him and the ball as he refused to let go. Returning to the gate I discovered to my relief that it was not locked after all, so the return journey was a little less arduous as I explained before that boy was a tidy size. He would never walk around a field but had to cross it. This caused problems when grain was growing as he could not hear us calling him. So, we had to try and work out where the grain was swaying and assume he was there, then dive in and grab him.

We now have Winnie- a lovely temperament but the most stubborn Frenchie we have ever had. She will not go out in the rain but will happily walk-through puddles! She expects everyone to make a fuss of her, likes most other dogs, but she has turned her back on 2 after they snapped at her and she does not forget. she approaches the fire expecting us to put it on for her. We bought her a new bed instead of the rather sad looking squashy one, it took 6 months to get her to use it. Then suddenly she took a dislike to her feeding bowl so after a number of attempts to get it right she now has a shallow white dish. That sorted she decided she did not like it on the mat with her water bowl so it was moved just a little further down with by this time we decided it was a take it or leave option, needless to say she took it. It has taken 5 years to get her to wear a coat when going out and it is nothing to have to bribe her just to move at certain points, much to the hilarity of any passerby.

Why do we have them I ask myself? It's obvious, because we love them.

Thanks for taking the time to read my story, Robert.

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Sunday 18th December Club Open venue TBA

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You can find Championship show details on the mncfrenchbulldogclub.com website where you will find links to the show schedules and entry forms as and when they become available online. Please note that the club is providing this as a help to the members and is not responsible for any errors, changes or omissions (we can only try our best).

If we have anyone that does not have access to the internet, we could print off the page and send the printed version to you if you provide us with a stamped addressed envelope.

Remember though that it will only be as accurate as the information we have at the time of printing and could be subject to change which is clearly out of the club's control.

F.B.W.T. Annual report for 2020

Once again, the Trust has had a very busy year, COVID-19 created many problems for us with lockdown in March etc we were unable to recover and transfer many dogs wanting to come into the welfare. It also affected our ability to raise funds. The PayPal facility on our website and our forever supporters managed to bring in the money, and made it much easier for people to continue to donate directly and they have, thank you all.

The numbers of people wishing to adopt remains adequate still giving us choices depending on the dog's needs. People offering their help are still needed with others returning repeatedly to get involved, once again thank you.

On the down side the numbers of dogs coming into the Trust and needing our help is to date once again continuing,, ages ranging from as young as 12 weeks have been handled by the trust the oldest being now 13 yrs old, within the dogs rescued there has been a large increase in the age range 8-18 months, the problems arising in this age group remain almost exclusively behavioral, antisocial, food or toy aggression, dominance aggression, over protectiveness (predominantly female owners) and more worrying once again aggression towards people especially young children, usually this shows up as fear aggression, although a number of dogs referred to the Trust have not given any signs before unprovoked attacks on usually family members or close friends. Almost without exception dogs coming into the trust with these problems are either first- or second-generation imports and mainly still from Eastern Europe. Hopefully the laws on Imports following Brexit are being discussed at Defra now with a view to change age and numbers imported and change back in our favor.

Medical problems such as allergies, spinal/patella problems, eye ulcers, and teeth/gum disease etc. are the common ones, but we are seeing other problems although a minority at this time, some of these are ear infections/ leading to growths (cauliflower ear) requiring surgery, heart and lung problems often from poorly bred and reared stock, urinary and bowel problems again down to poor breeding and feeding from an early age, etc. Many of these problems could have been avoided and a happy life together could have been as you would wish to have with your own dog/s.

We are still as always in need of your help. As most of you will know dogs coming into the care of the Trust go to foster homes, we don't have or use kennels (unless in an emergency for very short term) our present needs are

therefore for those who can offer an experienced loving home to foster our trust dogs, whether it is short term - 4weeks or long term -2 or 4 months. As you have read above many of our dogs come with problems which is why we need experienced homes that can assess dogs from a behavioral point as well as arrange to have any veterinary diagnoses/treatment arranged. This is one of our most important jobs without these assessment dogs cannot go into the homes that are right for them. If you can help either as a foster carer or any of the other ways i.e., Transport, home checks etc. or if you don't have the time or the space to do any of these things, then why not look at how else you can contribute to the breed we all love. Do you have specialist knowledge that can be used to improve the efficiency of the trust, can you save us money on the cost of things we require because you run a business involving these items, can you make or offer items that could be raffled or auctioned on behalf of the Trust. Anything you think you can do to help will be very much appreciated.

The Trust hope you will continue to supporting us as you have in the past, please don't wait to be asked volunteer, every little helps.

Thank you all for your support in the past year without you the Trustees would be very hard pressed to keep up with increasing problems we face in the coming years the popularity of our breed is not diminishing at this time and neither are the welfare problems, please continue to help us to help those Frenchies In need of our help and care.

If you need to contact us, go on our website: www.frenchbulldogwelfaretrust.org

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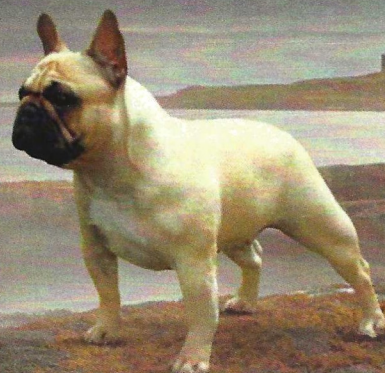
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