

# SOUTHERN BOSTON TERRIER CLUB

## NEWS LETTER



Winter 2023- Edition 2

### Secretary's welcome-



Hello, I'm acting as the Club Secretary until we hold a member's meeting to vote people into their positions. My job is to make sure the Club is properly constituted with the

right documents in place and liaise with the Kennel Club on various matters; but initially to get ourselves licensed to hold shows. Many of you will know that we sent our application to the KC on the 30 March 2022. It wasn't until September that the Executive at the KC considered our application, but the good news is that they agreed that it should move onto the next stage of the process, which is for it to be advertised in January and February's KC Gazette and give the wider public a chance to comment. After this it will return to the Executive for their approval in May 2023.

Some of you might have worked-out that unfortunately the decision-making body at the KC only meets once every quarter, so this process has taken considerably longer than we wanted it to, but the good news is that it's moving forward and so we can begin to plan for a show in 2023. To keep the costs down, the Committee is hoping that its first Limit Show can be hosted at the grounds of a larger canine association in the summer of 2023.

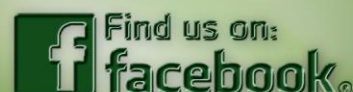
I will continue to update and revise the Club's documentation which will eventually be stored on the yet-to-be launched website, but until then, I'll do my best to give you all visibility of everything. However, should you want to be sent a copy of anything, please just drop me a line and I'll arrange for a copy to be sent to you.

Before I finish, I wanted to say how proud I am to be part of this exciting new initiative and how popular the Club has already

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become. We have lots of ideas for its future, but it is a Club of members, so please do let us know if there's anything you'd like to see the Club become involved in.

To finish, I'd like to congratulate Lucy our Newsletter editor on being selected to judge the hotly contested Junior Handling at BUBA this year and reflect on what a talented Committee of individuals the SBTC has; with this group on-board, the Club can only go from strength-to-strength. Thank you for your continued support.

Fiona King  
*Acting Secretary*

### **Treasurer's welcome-**

I wanted to give you all a quick update on the financial position of the Club, it has been an amazing first year. Our founding members were generous with initial support, in addition successful auctions, one off sales, continuing donations and a growing membership have given us a firm financial base to build on. The club currently has 110 members.

As a thank you we would like to inform you all that for existing members there will be no renewal payable in 2023 although we would appreciate donations if you so wish. Our bank details are:

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I would appreciate it if you would email to let me know you've made a transfer. The acting Committee has also agreed a minor modification to our membership subscription rule to state that a membership application approved on or after 1 October shall cover the remainder of the year in which it was approved and the year following. This is in line with many other Clubs and seems to be a fair and proportionate way of handling new members.

The committee are looking forward to growing the Club in 2023 with further regional meet-up groups being arranged, our first show being planned, club merchandise on offer and other social events.

Jan Mason- *Acting Treasurer*  
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### Important dates for your diary:

- **26<sup>th</sup> February 2023-** Southend Meetup @ 13:00 meeting at Thorpe Esplanade Car Park, Southend
- **25<sup>th</sup> March 2023-** Torquay Meetup @ 13:00 meeting at The Grand Hotel, Torquay
- **12<sup>th</sup> April 2023-** Breed lunch @ The Kennel Club



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## Torquay Walk

*Lucy Dearn*

On the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022, members from the south west gathered in Torquay for another Boston walk.



The walk was organised by associate committee member Peter Prior. We gathered on the sea front and slowly but surely, Bostons and their owners started to appear on the horizon and get closer.

I didn't take any dogs myself as Peter and his lovely wife Karen were kind enough to allow myself and Connor to stay at their lovely home for the weekend, but I must say I am rather glad my Bostons didn't come as the weather was not too Boston friendly (or maybe my dogs are too precious...). The wind was blowing and the clouds were trying their hardest to rain. I could just imagine my bostons crawling along, ears flat to their head, shivering in the wind (not that they are dramatic in the slightest...).

We met outside The Torquay Grand Hotel which was very picturesque as its right on

the seafront. As more and more Bostons started to emerge, it was clear to see that the dogs were drawing the attention of both the locals and tourists in the area.

Around 15 bostons were ready to start their walk. The dogs seemed to love socialising with other long lost members of their family. We started on our journey to our final stop, the aptly named Boston Tea Party. Along the way we managed to see some of the sights that Torquay has to offer, we walked by the marina and stopped for a photo opportunity by the big wheel. At this point the Bostons were getting lots of pointing and stares.

The Boston Tea party was extremley welcoming of the mass descent of Bostons



and their owners. Food and drinks were available in aplenty, and I enjoyed a rather nice milkshake. I look forward to the next meetups, which rumour has it will be held in Essex and Torquay respectively.



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## Discover Dogs @ ExCeL

Southern Boston Terrier Club representatives were out in force manning the Discover Dogs Stand in London.

Thank you for your hard work in promoting our lovely breed! Committee member Luke sent some great pictures of the day



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This was the first major event for the club to give something back to the members. The day started off early so we could meet up at Chieveley Village Hall for 9am, the team worked well together so everything was set up for the 1st arrivals from 10.00.



After teas and coffee's and everyone chatting, we held a 2-minute silence for Remembrance Day at 11.00 am. The first event of the day started with the handling classes, centre stage for this was Ruth Lewis who did a fantastic job, putting everyone through their paces. Advice given to those that hadn't done it before. Handling was of a high standard as Ruth had to split hairs to get the final line up, yours truly getting the nod.

The next event was have a go at showing, this being judged by Naomi Mewse. Classes for Puppy Cool, Loveliest Ladies, Gorgeous Gents, Golden Oldies & finally Best Brace.



It was lovely to see some top-class Boston's strutting their stuff giving Naomi some tough decisions to make. It was great to see people having a go that had never shown before, I must say they did a fantastic job. It was time for a well-deserved lunch break after the first two events, Jan Mason & Simone Masters took charge of the kitchen, so nobody went hungry or thirsty throughout the day.

There were several stalls that people could enjoy spending some money at, Dawn & Fiona with the Boston Annuals / Fiona King on the SBTC Merchandise stall & also on



the dog bakery stall / Lesley & Lucy Dearn on the Boston Boutique stall. We had a table with old club's newsletters for people to look at, some going back to the early 90's. There was a Hoopla stall where you could win some surprise bottles, these were wrapped up in newspaper, so you didn't know what you had won until you unwrapped the goods. Whoever won the Caesar salad bottle that we wrapped up "I'm sorry." Rob Sandells was manning the Hoopla & Feed Freddie game stall.

The main objective for the day was to get everyone involved, it was great to see everyone having a go. When the afternoon session started with sausage races people were in stitches because the Boston's won these races hands down, I don't think the sausages touched the sides. Finally for the fun and games was musical chairs and the big winner of the day was Maureen Hounslow, she definitely had this game weighed up.

The final icing on the cake was everyone being treated to a fabulous display of obedience from the very talented Rintintina Tinova with Amy her beautiful Boston. Fantastic work, how talented you both are, great partnership. I understand she is looking for partners to make up a Boston KC Obedience team, if anyone is interested, please contact Tina.

The committee would like to thank everyone that turned up to make the day such a success, the first of many.

It was nice that the club also got some new members.

Regards,

Chris Mewse



## Calling all Judges!

The SBTC are now inviting interested parties to submit their names for inclusion on our Level 1 (formerly C) and Level 2 (formerly B) judging lists. Attached in the email is an application form, please complete and return to [treasurer@southernbostonterrierclub.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@southernbostonterrierclub.org.uk). In order to comply with KC requirements we will also need copies of the required seminar certificates. Potential judges do not need to be club members to apply for their name to be put on the list, all applications will be considered for inclusion by the judge's subcommittee



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