



## 'HK's APRIL BLOG'

The blog of Mullenscote Dog Training Centre  
and Lains Shooting School



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Two trips within a fortnight to London, very grown up and both of them have been really great. The first was to the Houses of Parliament to collect our Countryside Alliance South West Business Enterprise Award, that alone was fantastic but for us then to come home with a Highly Commended UK and Ireland Award really was the icing on the cake. We had our photographs taken with the Environment Secretary Owen Paterson, Chief Whip Sir George Young, Countryside Alliance Chairman Kate Hoey MP, Clarissa Dickson Wright and of course my Mum.



The second trip was to the London Proof House with a very good friend and fellow shot Mike Venables. Mike is a Liveryman with The Worshipful Company of Gunmakers at the London Proof House. I was fortunate enough to be invited to a tour of the Proof House followed by a Livery Lunch. The proofing of guns is a process by which a gun is tested to ensure that it is safe to withstand the pressures and stresses that a gun has to cope with when fired.



**Definitive Proof**  
The most common mark. Signifies that a gun has passed the proof tests.

After testing they Proof house stamp or engrave the gun to show that it has been Proof tested with the letters 'GP crowned'. The Proof House itself is a small and unassuming building, the processes and techniques used are highly skilled some of which have been in use since the 1600's whilst others are state of the art. A fascinating, historic, essential and unique business, steeped in tradition, this visit for me was something thoroughly enjoyable, really unique and has allowed me to gain a little more knowledge and insight into the guns we use on a daily basis.

### Battersea Dogs



We've just received a visit from Battersea Dogs Home staff members Charlotte and Louise and they've brought two young dogs for us to do some work with, Hank the Black Labrador and Buck the Terrier cross are to stay here at Mullenscote whilst we do our level best to improve their basic behaviour and general social skills. Hank in particular will be looking for a new home soon so anyone out there that can offer him a settled and permanent home do please give us a ring. Buck the young terrier cross puppy is about 4 months old and appears to be a

Border Terrier crossed with something, having had him here for a week now I would say he's crossed with the Devil.

## Talented People

With the arrival of the two new dogs from Battersea Dogs Home, Hank the Labrador and Buck the Crossbreed Devil Dog we have got plenty of dog training to be doing every day. Over the last couple of months a lady called Maria has been attending our Foundation course with a really young Canadian Duck Toller called Louie. The pair have been nothing short of amazing to watch develop. Maria's meticulous attention to detail and enthusiasm for training her beloved Louie has seen them gain the admiration of the rest of the class and an inch Perfect Distinction in their assessment.

This lady is talented I see lots of very good trainers in action Maria has all of the right skills for the job. With this in mind I approached her and asked if she would be interested in working her magic on Buck and I'm delighted to report that she has accepted the challenge.



Maria has already had three training sessions with Buck and the progress is immediately obvious.

Buck was filmed leaving Battersea by the Paul O'Grady team and they are hoping to come down to Mullenscote to film his progress.

The Pressure's on Maria...!



The Demo season is about to kick off with a full calendar of events. We juggle the balance of spending time at shows and ensuring our level of good Mullenscote service back at base. The majority of shows that we are doing are local so very much look forward to seeing all those of you that find the time to come and watch us.

**April 13<sup>th</sup>** - Bossington Country Day

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** - New Forest Spring Fair

**May 27<sup>th</sup>** - Surrey County Show

**June 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>** - Cheshire Country Show

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>** - BASC Wales Country Fair

**July 13<sup>th</sup>** - Amport Village Fete

**July 20<sup>th</sup>** - Fordingbridge Show

**July/Aug 30<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup>** - New Forest Show

**Aug/Sept 31<sup>st</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup>** - Falconry Event International Bird Of Prey Centre, Gloucester

**September 15<sup>th</sup>** - Alresford Country Show

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Warwickshire Countryside Show

## Gundog First Aid Afternoon

As promised Vicky Payne Sporting Shooters Canine Vet is coming to Mullenscote on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May with her First Aid for Gundogs afternoon.

Just as with humans, knowing how to administer First Aid to a sick or Injured dog whilst in the Shooting Field can be a life saver so I for one am looking forward to learning a bit more about it. Places are limited and this will almost certainly be very popular. The cost is £28 per person so if you'd like to book a place please call the office on 01264 889467. Start time 1 pm until 4 pm.



## NEW COURSE DATES

Course	Brief Description	Dates	Entry Requirement
Foundation Course	<i>Basic course for young gundogs at the start of their training. Instruction will concentrate on the basics of heel work, sit, stay, recall and introduce the dog to basic retrieving. Socialisation with other dogs and handlers will also be covered.</i>	This course will start on Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2013 running from 6.00pm until 07.30pm. This course will be meeting for <b>6 TUESDAYS</b> with Assessment on the sixth meeting, at the price of £125.00. Dates are: 21 <sup>ST</sup> , 28 <sup>TH</sup> May, 4, 11 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> June and Assessment on 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2013	Open to all breeds of gundog aged 20 weeks to 1 year*, including non-pedigree and non-KC registered dogs. Dogs should be non-aggressive.
Bronze Courses	<i>Entry level course following on from foundation training aiming to prepare handlers and dogs for taking the Kennel Club Working Gundog Certificate. Dogs will be streamed into classes to match their stage of learning.</i>	This course will start on Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2013 running from 6.00pm until 7.30pm. This course will be meeting for <b>6 WEDNESDAYS</b> with Assessment on the sixth meeting, at the price of £125.00. Dates are 22 <sup>ND</sup> 29 <sup>TH</sup> May, 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> June and Assessment on 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2013	Open to all breeds of gundog including non-pedigree and non-KC registered dogs. Dogs should be capable of remaining focused in a class of multiple dogs, be able to walk on a lead, demonstrate a desire to retrieve and be non-aggressive.
Silver & Gold Course	<i>A follow on to Basic Training courses, aiming to produce a well trained Shooting Dog that is now handled off lead and continues to advance retrieving skills to multiple retrieves, blinds, Gunshot and steadiness.</i>	This course will start on <b>SATURDAY</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2013 running from 1.30pm until 3.00pm. This course will be meeting for <b>6 SATURDAYS</b> with Assessment on the sixth meeting, at the price of £125.00. Dates are 25 <sup>th</sup> May, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> , June, 6 <sup>th</sup> July and Assessment on 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2013	A follow on to the Entry Level courses. Course Open to all breeds of gundog including non-pedigree and non-KC registered dogs. Dogs should be capable of remaining focused in a class of multiple dogs, and be non-aggressive.

Please call the office if you would like us to tailor a package to meet your specific requirements on 01264 889467.

# KEEP TRAINING!!!



Howard

## Telly Addicts

Our two DVDs have received some really great reviews which I'm delighted about and whenever someone comes and buys one we also joke "make sure you get your dog to watch it from start to finish". Turns out some of your dogs have taken the advice, we have been sent several pictures of dogs sat watching the DVD, brilliant thank you to all of you that have taken the time and trouble to send in the pictures. So please anyone that can get a really great picture of your dog watching the DVD please do send it to us.



Sarah Morgan's, Flatcoat x Poodle..Bryher..Studying hard

## Editors Choice

Aside from contributions made by Howard to this month's blog, the editor has decided to run a competition. Please email Howard with your suggestions for captions for the picture below that was taken on the recent visit to Battersea.



## Mullenscote Links and Information

**Club Membership** – free access to rabbit and bird pens, 10% discount on dog food and much much more for just £48 for the year. Call for details on 01264 889467

**Course Dates** - <http://www.mullenscote.co.uk/courses.html>

**Shows and Events** - [http://www.mullenscote.co.uk/shows\\_and\\_events.html](http://www.mullenscote.co.uk/shows_and_events.html)

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