

# PLYMOUTH DOG TRAINING CLUB

Kennel Club Registered

Founded 1957

President:- The Lord Mayor of Plymouth



## NEWSLETTER

October 2016

### Alfie's Story — — —



I've been bringing Max to puppy class since he was 12 weeks old, he is now nearly 6 months old.

At the beginning of September we entered our 1st dog show and we won 4 rosettes. 1 2nd 2 4th's and 1 special/5th. I'm most proud of the 2nd place as this was for under 14 years handler, and I'm 10!

Puppy classes have helped me train Max and we have started learning some tricks that we both love.



### Class Upgraders

Plympton on 2nd August, 2016.  
Lyn Peeling with Speck

Eggbuckland on 10th August, 2016  
Mathew Bell with Daisey



**You & Your Dog** Remember, Remember the 5th of November  
The loud noises and flashing lights of fireworks can be very frightening

### Doggy dos

- > Do stroke your dog such as their chests and back-it can boost oxytocin levels to help override the fight or flight response.
- > Do play classical music for a soothing effect
- > Do stroke your dog's ears between thumb and finger, one at a time from base to tip this can help lower heart rate and breathing
- > Do give your dog a treat to chew it can be a distraction and chewing releases endorphins



Check where and when firework displays are being held in your local area, also ask your neighbours if they are planning anything.  
Make sure your dog has somewhere to hide if they want to and has access to this place at all times, Create a den with a comfy bed with extra blankets for them to burrow in.

### Doggy don'ts

- > Don't take your dog to firework displays
- . Don't let your dog out while fireworks are being let off
- > Don't leave your dog on its own or in a separate room
- > Don't force your dog to face their fears they'll only get more frightened
- > Don't punish your dog for showing fearful behaviour
- > Don't forget to fill water bowl up, anxious dogs pant more and get thirsty

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## Dates for your Diary

**Christmas Closing**      The club will not be holding classes on the following dates  
**Plympton** 20th, 27th December 2016 & 3rd January 2017.      back on 10th January 2017  
**Eggbuckland** 14th, 21st, 28th December 2016      back on 4th January 2017

### **Christmas Party**

Wednesday 14th December 2016    At 7pm Eggbuckland.

Prize for Best Fancy Dressed Dog  
Party Games and much more.  
All members welcome, mince pies with tea or coffee,  
no class fee but our charity bucket is on hand, please give generously.

### **Annual General Meeting**

To be held on **15th February, 2017.**  
Items for the agenda to be received by 4th February 2017.  
Nomination for Committee Members in by 1st February, 2017.