

## Bronnie & Beth make Barkaway proud!

As many of you will be aware, the largest dog show in the world was in town. Crufts!

Bronwyn Savage (Lofty to many) qualified last year at Pembroke, to take part in the YKC Agility Dog of the Year.

She borrowed her mums dog Beth (Nikki's Nightmare), a WSD. Bronnie has spent the winter training hard with Beth, and it has paid off.

Bronnie and Beth achieved a 7<sup>th</sup> place out of a total of 60 dogs running. These are 60 of the best young handlers in the country, which just goes to show how well Bronnie has done!



Bronnie, Beth and certificates.

Bronnie ran fourth in the Under 12's category. She did very well in a tricky course, which saw many dogs eliminated. There were two jumps to start, with a sharp right to the A frame. Many dogs continued straight on to jump 10, and were eee'd early on.

Bronnie went clear on the course, getting all her contacts, which Beth is notoriously bad at.

Unfortunately, only the top 3 dogs from each category qualified for the final that Thursday evening. But as far as Barkaway is concerned, Bronnie is a star!

On Saturday, Ian presented Bronnie with an award for her achievement. She received a certificate and trophy, which she is really proud of. This of course, reflects really well on the Club, as one of our youngest members has made it to Crufts.

Hopefully, Bronnie will be trying again to qualify. I am sure that Barkaway will support her this summer.



Bronnie and Beth at Crufts.

## Barkaway Bites

- Well done to Neil Hodgetts and Bruno for their first and second place in starters (sorry – grade 2) at Newton Heath. This also wins them into Grade 3!
- Well done to Dawn Price and Dazy, who came first in Starter Jumping at Agility Addicts on 24<sup>th</sup> Feb.
- Supadogs schedule is out now! Find it on Agility net, closing date is the 15<sup>th</sup> April, so get entering.
- Louise Downing is still looking for a home for an 8-year-old miniature chocolate poodle. He isn't suitable for a home with children, but would make a great agility dog. If you are interested, or know someone who is, call Lou on 0797 123 2881 or email her at loo@k9connection.co.uk

## Other Points

Thank you to everyone who has sent me messages of support and get well wishes. I am on the mend, and back to eating. I am still on light exercise until the muscles damaged in my shoulder by

the operation have built up again.

This course means that I won't be doing agility again until May. I have loads of time to write the newsletter. Therefore, I need your help.

Please pass on any snippets, photos or interesting news.

Next newsletter due out in May

**Signed Runaway Max.**



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## Barkaway Presentation Evening

Another year gone in the agility world and so onto another presentation night for the Barkaway Agility fraternity, and this one ranks alongside the Oscars as far as awards go. For the 2006 Agility year there were 12 awards, ranging from the person who has taken the "Most Flak" of the year to the now coveted "League Trophy".



Well done to the caterers and helpers, namely Dawn Price, Janice Baker & Helen Bos, it seems that the Barkaway Soup kitchen is well under way in their new enterprise.

With the food eaten and drinks flowing, the tension in the air was palpable when the time came to hand out the trophies and awards. The winners of the awards were as follows;

### **2006 Barkaway Agility Awards**

Beat News Reporter Becky Leighton  
Best Webmaster Neil Hodgetts  
Most Flak Helena Cross  
Best Organiser Dawn Price  
Best Social Club Member Janice Baker  
Best Club Member Ken Baker  
Best Newcomer Stuart & Becky  
Best Over 12's Rebecca  
Best Under 12's Bronnie (Lofty) Savage  
Most Clear Rounds Sandra Griffins  
League Trophy Dawn Wood  
Progress Award Dawn Wood



After the awards the music and dancing started with Janice Baker instructing the "Barkaway Dancers" how to correctly perform the Macarena, unfortunately the picture didn't turn out, but you know who you are!

Well that's the report, and I'm sure I'm not alone in wishing everybody success for the year ahead.