## February 2013's new members

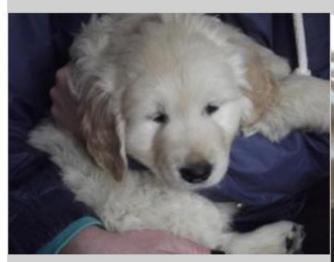


Helen tells us that Bruno and Shand are not only disciplined but also a joy to be with.

Shand is the lovely 10 year old German Shepherd. Helen shared a tale about Bruno, a dobermann-rottweiler cross: "Although his 5th owner, he is the Very Best k9 I have owned or had contact with & I have house-sat many dogs as well as having my own... Bruno can be a bit of nightmare, he opens doors, raids the fridge, turns voille curtains into lace! Refuses to go out into pouring rain (I agree with him on this:) but he is also Very Loving in a calm, laid back way & also protective which means I feel very safe & secure.

Bruno does "rotti speak" which scared the living-daylights out of me when first we got together although I simply said "What was AII THAT about?" - at the same time as the throaty rumble he play-prances! Recently we almost parted when he injested something toxic; thankfully, the PDSA Vets continued to work on him & although I had said "he must not suffer, please put him to sleep" they continued their outstanding work & today, Bruno is safely back home & recovering.

Of course, it no longer matters a brass-farthing whether he jumps on my bed with dirty paws, or does anything else "characterful" I am just Soo relieved to have him home again."



Just look at lovely Tewkesbury! He shares his home with Orangeblossom - also a golden retriever - what wonderful names Brianne; you explained about 'Tewkesbury' being a character in 'Moonfleet' and how your dogs love to walk on Weymouth beach and watch the sun rise....



...and here's Jimmy the very well-behaved Parson Russell Terrier relaxing after a visit to his favourite place, Ramsdown.



Alfie is an excitable pup with such soulful eyes! He's a little clumberpoo, what a lovely combination.

Effie is a Beagle x English Setter with French farm origins -



an elegant international traveller who enjoys a foray back across the Channel (that's La Manche to you, Effie!) to enjoy a holiday in France each year.

Welcome to all the other new members for February, new members remember that you can always add your photos later, just send to

dorsetdogs@dorsetcc.gov.uk with your name and joining month! A warm welcome to:

HOLLY & ZOE and their 2 other toy poodle playmates from Southampton, we hear you enjoy Studland!

CLOVER, an English Cocker who walks the South Dorset Ridgeway.

POPPY & PIXIE from Parkstone.

BUDDY, a lovely staffie with a penchant for Slades Farm.

MAGGIE a newly retired greyhound.

EMILY a friendly Jack Russell who adores children - but the same can't be said for cats & squirrels!



...and finally here's BEAN - Rachel told us he's happy to pop a lead on when he's near grazing animals and wildlife but my goodness he loves to run free too when he can...

see Bean's growing-up story on our <u>Year of the Doq</u> <u>2012 page!</u>