



# Accredited Breeder newsletter

## Kennel Club Responds to Bateson Inquiry

The Independent Inquiry into dog breeding has been broadly welcomed by the Kennel Club which commissioned and funded the report, in conjunction with Dogs Trust.

The Kennel Club believes that good breeders have nothing to fear from the report. Professor Bateson recognises that 'many breeders exercise the highest

standards of welfare, are passionate about caring for their dogs properly and take great trouble to ensure that their puppies go to good homes.' He congratulates these breeders and emphasises that they should be 'rewarded in the market place and in the show ring'.

The report focuses on those breeders whose actions bring the rest of the responsible dog

community into disrepute and this is an emphasis that the Kennel Club welcomes on behalf of all of those good breeders that it represents. It also focuses on both pedigree and cross breed dogs and how to therefore protect the health and welfare of all dogs.

The Kennel Club and Dogs Trust, as the two leading organisations devoted

solely to dog welfare, have announced that they will now arrange a meeting with all relevant parties to discuss the detail of Professor Bateson's report along with the issues raised in the APGAW and RSPCA reports into dog breeding and the practical aspects of the way forward.

To read the Kennel Club's whole statement, please go to: [www.thekennelclub.org.uk](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk)

## Kennel Club petition handed to Downing Street

The Kennel Club handed a petition with 15,000 signatures to Downing Street before Christmas, asking that the principles and standards similar to those followed by Kennel Club Accredited Breeders be made mandatory for all breeders.

Currently those breeders that are not part of the Kennel Club Accredited Breeder Scheme and who do not breed five or more litters a year, thereby falling under the control of Local Authorities, are not regulated.

The petition aimed to get legislation that would tackle those irresponsible breeders who are falling through the net.

Bill Lambert, Kennel Club Health and Breeder Services Manager (pictured above with his Bull Terrier, Bunty), said: "We presented the petition to try and raise awareness about those breeders who are not part of the Kennel Club Accredited Breeder Scheme and who do not fall under anybody's control. The Independent Inquiry did not recommend legislation as being the best way forward at this stage, which means that Kennel Club Accredited Breeders and the Kennel Club, in educating people to buy from Kennel Club Accredited Breeders, have an important role to play."



## Ain't no mountain high enough

The recent treacherous weather conditions which prevented millions of people from getting to work across



Britain were not a problem for Laura Clark, one of the Kennel Club's recently-appointed Accredited Breeder Advisors. Laura attended her first official breeder visit, near Maidstone in Kent, and was not put off by the heavy snow in the area. In fact, Laura could not get her car within a mile of the breeder's property but soldiered on and made the rest of the journey on foot.

Laura was happy to report a successful visit for both the breeder and the Kennel Club. Was the breed worried about the snow? "I doubt it", said Laura. "They were Bernese Mountain Dogs!"

Photo by Bill Lambert



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