It was the third decision made at the SGM however, which will have the most profound impact in supporting the Kennel Club in its primary objective, which is ‘to promote in every way the general improvement of dogs’. The Club made an interest-free loan of £1.5 million to the Animal Health Trust to speed up their work towards building a new cancer centre which will bear the Club’s name and, more importantly, look to investigate the causes of cancer in dogs and improve diagnosis and treatment.

Such an initiative is symbolic of the Kennel Club’s ambition to improve the health and welfare of dogs. The introduction, in the last twelve months, of our Mate Select service allows, prior to breeding a litter, anyone to assess the potential health of the parents as well as the impact on the genetic diversity within that specific breed. In conjunction with the British Veterinary Association, the launch of a new health scheme for Chiari-like Malformation/Syringomyelia (CM/SM) in Cavalier King Charles Spaniels will help to reduce the incidence of CM/SM and ultimately contribute to making the breed healthier.

Indeed, the veterinary profession as a whole has a vital role to play in supporting the Kennel Club’s work. From working with us to assess the clinical health of dogs within the high profile breeds at dog shows, to providing us with vital reports on caesareans and other surgical operations carried out on pedigree dogs, it has never been more important that we work together with the profession for the good of all dogs.
The Kennel Club has continued to work with breeders, breed clubs and dog show judges on a wide range of initiatives in support of our objectives. Our Assured Breeder Scheme, which underwent a name change in the past year as part of its ongoing work to become officially recognised by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS), continues to grow from strength to strength and now has around 7,500 members signed up to its principles of responsible and healthy dog breeding.

As well as working with those people already involved in the world of dogs, the Kennel Club plays an active role in reaching out to those who have not yet discovered the joy of dog ownership. Events like Crufts and Discover Dogs help to educate the public, in an engaging way, how to become a good dog owner, whether this is through buying a puppy from an Assured Breeder or taking on an older dog from one of the many Kennel Club Breed Rescue organisations around the country.

During the past year, we produced a new Puppy Buying Guide ‘app’ for mobile phones, and we seek to engage dog enthusiasts through our social media activity on both Facebook and Twitter. We offer hours of coverage from this year’s Crufts on our own dedicated YouTube channel and you can also watch two short films produced by the Kennel Club there, which highlight our work to improve dog health and put an end to the problems caused by puppy farming.

The Kennel Club has three charitable organisations which help support its work and the largest of these is the Kennel Club Charitable Trust. The Trust celebrates its 25th anniversary this year and recently passed the £6 million mark in grants awarded to good causes which help make a difference for dogs. This past year, it has set up a new Bark & Read Foundation, which supports and promotes the work of charities that take dogs into schools as reading volunteers to help children improve their literacy skills.

Together, these initiatives, along with the many others outlined in the rest of this report, highlight the Kennel Club’s commitment to invest in the future of dogs, provide knowledge and education and support countless welfare organisations to ensure that dogs live healthy, happy lives with responsible owners.

As a veterinary surgeon I witness in my day to day work the amazing relationship between Man and Dog. The two species have been living together, cheek by jowl, for tens of thousands of years. It’s hardly surprising, therefore, that in today’s world there should be an organisation such as the Kennel Club which is devoted to the dog and its breeding. All those involved in breeding and keeping dogs have a responsibility for the welfare of the species, both the individual animal and also the health and welfare of the various breeds.

I’ve owned dogs most of my life, from my earliest terrier (called Sputnik – that’ll give you an idea of when it might have been!) through to caring for a Guide Dog brood bitch and rearing lots of little guide dog puppies, and of course, getting to know so many of my clients’ dogs.

My involvement with the Kennel Club began via working with them as a BVA President and more recently I was delighted to be personally invited to join the Dog Health Group to assist in its work. It is an honour to continue to do so, and a pleasure to work with the like-minded, forward thinking and knowledgeable people in the group. We have achieved much, and have much still to do.
WORKING FOR THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT OF DOGS

This overall objective is the cornerstone of the Kennel Club’s work - to ensure that dogs live healthy, happy lives with responsible owners.

- We **INVEST** – in dog health research projects and health programmes through the Kennel Club Charitable Trust and our Genetics Centre at the Animal Health Trust.
- We **generate KNOWLEDGE** – through our research investment, developing DNA and other screening tests to help breeders breed healthy stock, and through our Health Test Finder Service on our website.
- We **EDUCATE** – puppy buyers and dog owners through events and schemes such as Crufts, Discover Dogs, the Good Citizen Dog Training Scheme, the Safe and Sound Scheme and through the Kennel Club Educational Trust which promotes responsible dog ownership and social responsibility.
- We **ENCOURAGE** – the highest standards of breeding through our Assured Breeder Scheme and use the show ring and competitive activities to encourage the breeding of sound, healthy dogs which are Fit for Function; Fit for Life.
- We **TRAIN** – judges, show officials, dog trainers and dog owners to reward and promote healthy dogs.
- We **PLAN** for the future – through the Young Kennel Club which provides ongoing education for those who will take our objective of healthy, happy dogs forward.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

The Kennel Club is committed to improving the health and welfare of all dogs in the UK and pedigree dogs in particular. Alongside the Kennel Club’s Dog Health Group which is at the forefront of this work, a variety of different stakeholders, including breeders, breed clubs, scientific bodies, dog show judges and the veterinary profession all have a vital role to play in this.

This is how each has contributed to this work over the past year:

**DOG HEALTH GROUP**

The Kennel Club’s Dog Health Group (DHG) aims to tackle all health issues affecting dogs, with particular emphasis on those which may affect pedigree dogs. The group has three separate sub-groups which address Genetics and Health Screening, Breed Standards and Conformation and the Assured Breeder Scheme. Several independent leading experts are involved such as canine and human geneticists, scientists, leading veterinary surgeons and behaviourists.

The Group’s most significant development over the past year has been the launch of Mate Select, for use by breeders to access co-efficients of inbreeding for individual dogs, breed average inbreeding co-efficients and co-efficients for inbreeding for hypothetical matings between any two dogs on the Kennel Club’s breed register. Over 17,000 searches each month have been carried out since the launch of the service in April 2011. Mate Select also includes a considerable amount of health data on individual dogs.

The Dog Health Group was instrumental in the setting up of a new screening scheme for Chiari-like Malformation/Syringomyelia in Cavalier King Charles Spaniels in conjunction with the BVA. Once there is sufficient data available, results of this screening scheme will be recorded on the Health Test Results Finder on the Kennel Club website.

Veterinary checks have now been introduced for dogs chosen as Best of Breed at all General & Group Championship dog shows in the fifteen designated 'high profile' breeds, to ensure that such awards are not given to any dogs which show visible signs of health problems. The first checks were carried out at Crufts in March 2012 and resulted in nine breeds passing the checks.

Detailed information regarding the work of the Dog Health Group is included in its separate annual report.
I am currently Director of Research and Development for Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust and NHS Salford, and I have also held the position of Professor of Immunogenetics at The University of Manchester since 1996 so am the Co Director of the Centre for Integrated Genomic Medical Research.

I have a visiting chair at Liverpool University within veterinary medicine, and I am also a Director on the board of UK Biobank and have been on numerous steering and grant review committees for research charities, both in the UK and abroad. My major research interests are in the area of genetic control of the immune response and its relationship to disease and I have previously been the chair of the British Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics. My research has particularly focused on inflammatory and autoimmune conditions. I have been a pioneer in investigating the genetics of spontaneous diseases in pedigree domestic dog breeds as a comparative approach to identifying human disease genes in homologous conditions. I have published over 500 peer reviewed research articles and am a recognised authority on the genetics of tissue compatibility in both humans and other species. I have collaborated extensively with the international veterinary community and dog breed clubs on a range of canine autoimmune and other conditions.

I also contributed to the Bateson report on pedigree dog breeding and I am currently a member of the Genetics Advisory Sub Group of the Kennel Club Dog Health Group. At present I do not have a lifestyle that makes it possible to own a dog but if I did I would certainly choose to own a greyhound!

BREEDERS

The Kennel Club set up its Assured Breeder Scheme (formerly known as the Accredited Breeder Scheme) in 2004 to encourage dog breeders to sign up to a code of best breeding practice which helps ensure that their dogs produce healthy, happy puppies. The scheme now has around 8,000 members and continues to grow at around 12.5% each year. Over the past year, the scheme has continued to pursue accreditation with the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS). Scheme developments over the past twelve months have included the addition of 7 new breed-specific requirements and 32 recommendations; the upgrading of two DNA tests from recommended to required; an increase in the number of Regional Breeder Advisors to carry out inspections of members’ premises; and permitting stud dog owners to join the scheme even if they do not directly breed dogs themselves.

The introduction of Mate Select has allowed breeders they do not directly breed dogs themselves.

In order to help prevent the possibility of the Kennel Club unwittingly registering puppies from puppy farmers, a copy of the local authority licence is required from any breeder registering more than four litters in any one year from the same address.

BREED CLUBS

The introduction of new breed-specific guidelines under the Assured Breeder Scheme is largely done to work being undertaken between the Kennel Club and registered breed clubs. During the past year, Kennel Club staff made many presentations to breed clubs outlining the principles of the Scheme and the scientific developments being made to improve the health of dogs.

Each breed has elected a health representative and the Kennel Club is working with them to identify, understand and tackle any problems within breeds. A second seminar for breed health co-ordinators was held at the Kennel Club Building in Stoneleigh last year to discuss issues and future developments.

This move, along with other health measures that have been put in place will help the Kennel Club to ensure that the show ring continues to be a positive influence for change in the world of dogs. The objective of this process is to ensure that improvement in canine health is rewarded in the show ring and to protect the reputation of the sport of dog showing.

The BVA also assist us with running of the Breeding for the Future stand, which provides health information and advice to visitors at Crufts. It has also called for veterinarians to report caesarean sections and operations which may alter a dog’s natural conformation to the Kennel Club.

A manual for veterinary surgeons entitled ‘The Kennel Club Veterinary Practice Guide to Dog Health’ is distributed directly to surgeries by the Assured Breeder Scheme’s Regional Breeder Advisors. The aim of this is to ensure closer relationships between the Kennel Club and veterinary surgeons and a better understanding of individual breeds and their requirements. This is now available on the Kennel Club website and on CD-Rom.

SCIENTIFIC WORK

The Kennel Club agreed a loan of £1.5 million to the Animal Health Trust in November 2011, to speed up work on a new cancer centre to be known as the Kennel Club Cancer Centre. The Centre, which is expected to open this year, will investigate the genetic causes of cancer as well as diagnosing and treating dogs suffering from this dreadful disease.

The work of this Centre will benefit from synergy with the Kennel Club Genetics Centre at the Animal Health Trust, which is being funded by a £1.2 million grant from the Kennel Club Charitable Trust. Scientists at the Genetics Centre continue to develop DNA screening tests for hereditary conditions found in pedigree dogs and, in the past year, they have created a DNA screening test for Curly Coat, Dry Eye and Episodic Falling in Cavalier King Charles Spaniels.

The number of DNA screening schemes recognised by the Kennel Club has now grown to over 70 with several new schemes approved in 2011. These allow dog breeders to make better informed choices over which dogs to breed from. The Kennel Club continues to offer a DNA profiling and parentage verification service to aid dog owners prove the pedigree status of their dogs.

VETERINARY PROFESSION

The Kennel Club has strong links with the veterinary profession and has worked with the British Veterinary Association (BVA) for over 45 years on health screening programmes which assess the quality of dogs’ hips, elbows and eyes. A fourth scheme, for Chiari-like Malformation/Syringomyelia in Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, was established in 2011.

The Kennel Club worked in conjunction with the BVA to recruit independent veterinary surgeons to carry out the veterinary checks on the Best of Breed winners in the ‘high profile’ breeds at Crufts 2012. The decision to implement health checks was taken by the General Committee on, the advice of the Kennel Club’s Dog Health Group, in order to ensure that the fifteen high profile breeds enter the group competition free of signs of discomfort or suffering associated with exaggerated conformation.

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THE REGISTRATION OF DOGS, BOTH PEDIGREE AND CROSSES BRED, AND THE SUBSEQUENT TRANSFER OF THEIR OWNERSHIP FROM BREEDERS TO NEW OWNERS IS CENTRAL TO THE CLUB’S WORK AND THERE ARE MANY ONLINE SERVICES TO HELP PEOPLE TO FIND THE RIGHT DOG FOR THEM AND TO UNDERSTAND THEIR NEEDS THROUGHOUT THEIR LIFETIME. THE KENNEL CLUB MANAGES THE UK’S LARGEST MICROCHIPPING DATABASE, PETLOG, WHICH PLAYS A CRUCIAL ROLE IN THE REUNIFICATION OF LOST AND STOLEN PETS WITH THEIR OWNERS.

This is how each performed over the last year:

REGISTRATIONS AND TRANSFERS

The Kennel Club registered a total of 247,838 pedigree puppies during 2011, which is a decrease of 3.8% on the previous year. Of these, almost 160,000 were transferred into new ownership, a ratio of 64% which was 3% better than 2010. The ability of breeders and new owners to carry out both registrations and transfers online continues to grow in popularity, with over 60% of registrations and 68% of transfers carried out by this method last year.

FIND A PUPPY

The online Find a Puppy service enables potential puppy buyers to look for Kennel Club registered dogs available for sale, with those dogs bred by members of the Assured Breeder Scheme highlighted. There were 3.7 million searches carried out on the service during 2011, equating to over 10,000 every day and the number of litters being advertised increased by 26%. Over one third of dogs advertised on the service were bred by Assured Breeders and this figure continues to grow.

The service also allows people to access a list of all Assured Breeders, or those which specialise in dog training or other activities such as agility. An average of around 15,000 searches were carried out each month in 2011 as the service grew in popularity.

BREED INFORMATION CENTRE

The Breed Information Centre is an area on the Kennel Club website providing information on each of the 210 recognised pedigree dog breeds. It includes links under each breed to health information, Assured Breeders, breed clubs, breed images and the Breed Standard. Over 2 million searches were made during 2011, a 27% increase on the previous year before.

FIND A RESCUE

The Kennel Club continues to promote the work of Kennel Club Breed Rescue (KCBR) organisations. There are hundreds of KCBR organisations throughout the UK and collectively they help to re-home as many dogs each year as the leading dog welfare organisations. The Find a Rescue service enables people interested in taking on a rescue dog to find their nearest KCBR and this service attracted almost 300,000 searches during 2011.

I grew up with working terriers, ferreting, fishing, shooting and hunting. Gundogs followed and in 1973 my first Labrador arrived but the competition bug really gripped hold after competing successfully in cocker trials, then springer and retriever trials followed. I am an A Panel Spaniel Field Trial Judge.

I took early retirement from BT in 1996 to concentrate on living and working with dogs. The Kennel Club was now a very important part of my life, becoming a member in 1993 whilst serving on the Field Trials Liaison Council and the Field Trials Sub-Committee. I was elected to the General Committee in 2000 and the Club Sub-Committee in 2003. I have subsequently expanded my passion for dogs across the wide range of canine activities. I am Chairman of the Working Certificate working party and fully believe in dogs being fit for the role in which they function, whether at work, in competition or just as family pets. Health and welfare is of prime importance and as a member of the Assured Breeder Scheme I fully support its objectives.

I am Chairman of the Kennel Club Accredited Instructor Scheme (KCAl) which promotes training through kind motivational methods. I believe that properly trained dogs are happier and healthier, therefore an asset to society. As an Accredited Instructor I am fully committed to helping others obtain the best from their dogs, helping them to improve their personal training and where appropriate instructing skills.

I write for Dog World and Shooting Times promoting responsible dog ownership, giving advice and covering events from the ever expanding canine world. I enjoy photography, providing images to accompany my articles.

MATE SELECT

Mate Select was officially launched in May 2011 following a successful pilot test at dfs Crufts 2011. This service currently provides three online systems which have collectively received a total of over 750,000 searches in the first ten months of operation. There were almost 90,000 searches to calculate the co-efficient of inbreeding (COI) for a hypothetical mating and over 90,000 searches for the COI of an individual dog. The online Health Test Results Finder experienced an increase of almost 15% in 2011, and was incorporated into the Mate Select program at the time of its launch.

PETLOG

Petlog, as the UK’s largest microchip registration and pet reunification database, holds the records of over 6 million animals. Around 48,000 new records are added each month and, in 2011, over 260,000 telephone calls were handled in relation to lost and stolen pets and customers checking and updating their details. Petlog organised its annual National Microchipping Month in June 2011 which helped promote the service further to veterinarians, animal welfare organisations, dog wardens and the police. Pet owners were given the opportunity to check their contact details at no charge during the month, and over 20,000 people did so.
EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES


Here is a summary of the events held in the past twelve months:

CRUFTS

The 121st Crufts show took place at the NEC Birmingham in March 2012 with Eukanuba as its principal sponsor. Around 26,500 dogs took part in many activities over the four days of the event and the show attracted a public attendance of over 145,000 people which was an increase of 7,000 on the previous year. There was a record ten hours of television coverage of this year’s event, which was More4 broadcasting from the show for two and a half hours every evening.

Out of the total number of dogs at the show, almost 21,000 dogs had qualified to enter in pedigree breed classes, including almost 2,000 dogs from 38 overseas countries. This year’s prestigious Best in Show award was chosen by Frank Kane, the Best of Show judge, and went to a Lhasa Apso called Ch Zentarr Elizabeth who was bred, owned and handled by Margaret Anderson from Coventry. The Reserve award went to a Newfoundland, the multi international Champion King of Helluland Feel The Win owned by Mr & Mrs Krockovci from Slovakia.

The Friends for Life competition, which recognises and rewards the remarkable relationships between dogs and their owners, is decided by a public vote from television viewers. It was won by an RAF Dog called Buster and his owner Michael Barrow. Buster recently retired after serving five tours of duty with the RAF in Afghanistan where he saved countless lives by detecting explosives and helping to hunt down insurgents.

All of the activities in the main Arena throughout the show were streamed live and free on the Crufts YouTube Channel, with videos of this and past years’ shows also available to view at www.youtube.com/crufts.

As well as the many competitions, the show featured a host of events highlighting the different roles that dogs play in society. The Kennel Club’s work to improve health and welfare was promoted prominently at the event through the Breeding for the Future stand, which offered visitors the opportunity to discuss a wide range of health subjects with experts from the Kennel Club, Animal Health Trust and Unitch Veterinary Association.

DISCOVER DOGS

Discover Dogs is the Kennel Club’s second largest event, and takes place annually in November at Earls Court in London to promote choice, care and training when buying and looking after a dog. The 2011 event attracted 27,500 visitors, and was sponsored by Royal Canin UK.

Among the competitions which are held at the show are the final of the Scruffs Family Crossbreed Dog of the Year Competition, sponsored by James Wellbeloved, and the Companion Dog Club competition finals, which demonstrate the Kennel Club’s commitment to all dogs, whether pedigree or crossbred.

The Kennel Club also organised a special Discover Dogs area showcasing 25 of the most popular breeds, alongside the dog activities ring, at the London Pet Show at Olympia in May 2011.

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I am interested in all canine activities, and have concentrated on show management, administration and training since 1983. I am a Member of the General Committee and sit on the Finance and General Purposes Committee, am Chairman of the KC Training Board and Educational Trust and in 2009 was honoured to be elected Chairman of Crufts having been involved with Crufts since 1994 as a Group Steward through to Chief Steward.

Prior to becoming involved with the Kennel Club I had spent most of my career in IBM, where the skills I developed in people management, marketing, project management and good communication, help considerably in overseeing the running of Crufts.

Outside the Kennel Club, I am Chief Steward for Windsor Dog Show and my interest in continuous personal development and voluntary work has seen me as a School Governor, Business Mentor for the Prince’s Trust and this year I will be working at London 2012 Olympics as an Olympic Games Maker. When I have time to relax I enjoy reading, road running and following motor sport.

AGILITY
The Kennel Club’s seventh International Agility Festival proved popular once again, with the 2011 event attracting around 2,400 dogs from 25 different countries. The event was sponsored by Purina ProPlan and included a range of competitions for all ages and abilities. Competitions that took place at the festival included the KC Nations Cup and several classes giving entrants the opportunity to qualify to compete at Crufts and Discover Dogs.

The Kennel Club also promotes agility by sponsoring together with Joint Aid For Dogs, and organising the Agility Stakes classes which take place at the prestigious London International Horse Show at Olympia in December each year, this also provides an excellent opportunity to convey Kennel Club health messages to a wide audience.

The Kennel Club organised teams to compete in prestigious international agility events during 2011. The British team performed well in the European Open Agility Championships which were held in Austria in June and then followed this up with a team bronze medal and an individual bronze at the FCI World Championships in northern France in October.

HEEWORK TO MUSIC
The Kennel Club’s ‘Team GB’ exceeded its fine performance at the inaugural Heelwork to Music World Championships in 2010, by winning gold medals in both the individual classes and the team category in the 2011 competition, which was again held in Denmark. Two fourth place finishes were also achieved.

FIELD TRIALS
The Kennel Club licensed almost 700 Field Trials over the past year, including a number organised by the Kennel Club itself. These included the successful fifth annual Gundog Working Test at Chatsworth in June 2011, which for the first time featured a new International Team Test for Retrievers which proved so successful that it is being expanded to a two-day event in 2012. The Working Gundog Certificate has continued to attract high levels of interest, with 77 dogs having been assessed up to September 2011, 58 of which passed.

OBTIDENCE AND WORKING TRIALS
A thorough review of the Obedience show regulations took place during the past year, with input from both the Obedience Liaison Council and the dedicated working party set up to conduct the review. In Working Trials, a survey and consultation on the training of helpers for Patrol Dog Stakes was initiated with a view to ensuring the safety and welfare of all helpers in their roles at trials.

THE KENNEL CLUB BUILDING
The Kennel Club’s purpose built venue at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire is now in its third year of operation and is thriving with bookings and interest ever increasing. The Building continues to maintain its position as the UK’s best venue for canine events with over 360 events being held in 2011, an increase on the previous year. These have included a number of breed club championship shows, dog training, agility, meetings of Kennel Club Members and a wide range of seminars and other meetings.

KENNEL CLUB ROADSHOW STAND
The Kennel Club’s Roadshow Stand attended many events in 2011, including twelve Championship dog shows, the CLA Game Fair, Gatcombe Park Horse Trials, London International Horse Show and, for the first time in twenty years, the Lincolnshire Show. The Stand was also present at the World Dog Show 2011 in Paris and the AKC Eukanuba National Championship Show in the USA to promote Crufts and attract entries.

The Kennel Club also had a stand at the Love Pets Shows in Peterborough and Edinburgh, which promoted responsible puppy buying and the work of Kennel Club Breed Rescue.
EDUCATION AND TRAINING

EDUCATION AND TRAINING PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN MUCH OF THE KENNEL CLUB’S WORK. THE KENNEL CLUB USES ITS MAJOR EVENTS, SUCH AS CRUFTS AND DISCOVER DOGS, TO PROMOTE ITS KEY MESSAGES AND HAS A NUMBER OF INITIATIVES SUCH AS THE GOOD CITIZEN DOG TRAINING SCHEME, THE KENNEL CLUB ACCREDITATION SCHEME FOR INSTRUCTORS IN DOG TRAINING AND CANINE BEHAVIOUR (KCAI) AND YOUNG KENNEL CLUB WHICH FURTHER THIS WORK. WIDE USE IS ALSO MADE OF THE INTERNET AND SOCIAL MEDIA TO CONVEY THESE MESSAGES TO A WIDER AUDIENCE.

EVENTS

In educational terms, both Crufts and Discover Dogs provide the Kennel Club the opportunity to interact directly with thousands of visitors and are ideal platforms to communicate information on the right way to buy and care for a dog and the importance of responsible dog ownership. Both events included a special area dedicated to health giving visitors the opportunity to speak to experts from the Kennel Club, the British Veterinary Association and the Animal Health Trust on a wide range of health topics.

Continuing its educational objectives, and building on the success of Mate Select, the Kennel Club piloted its online EBV (Estimated Breeding Value) program for hip and elbow dysplasia at Crufts this year. The program allows users to better estimate the risk of their dogs passing on these inherited conditions to offspring. Data for an initial 15 breeds was used to demonstrate the service.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG TRAINING SCHEME

The Kennel Club’s Good Citizen Dog Training Scheme (GCDS) was founded in 1992 to promote responsible dog ownership through training dogs and educating their owners. It will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2012 and is by far the country’s largest dog training programme, with over 450,000 dogs having participated in the scheme. GCDS classes were also held at eight major Championship shows during 2011 as this initiative continued to expand. GCDS testing was made available at 17 Championship shows over the year, helping raise funds for the Kennel Club Charitable Trust.

Run alongside the GCDS, the Kennel Club’s Safe and Sound scheme aims to promote safe interaction between children and dogs for the protection of both. This scheme has been translated into both Flemish and Dutch.

The Kennel Club offers special classes at Crufts for dogs which have been awarded at least their Bronze award, and these continue to be popular, with several dogs going on from the classes to win further prizes including one Challenge Certificate and several Reserve Challenge Certificates. GCDS classes were also held at eight major Championship shows during 2011 as this initiative continued to expand. GCDS testing was made available at 17 Championship shows over the year, helping raise funds for the Kennel Club Charitable Trust.

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The scheme offers four levels of achievement – Puppy Foundation, Bronze, Silver and Gold – and recently awarded its 400,000th pass certificate. There are over 1,700 organisations running the scheme across the UK and in several countries overseas.

The Young Kennel Club (YKC) covers many aspects of education and training. The YKC is for young people aged from 6-24 and attracts over 1,000 new members during 2011. A new club called the Rufus Club, for those too young for the YKC, was launched at Crufts 2012 and has already proved popular.

The YKC offers a variety of ways for members to develop their skills and meet other young dog lovers. Among the events held in the past year was the annual week long National Training Camp in Leicestershire where members attended with their families and dogs enjoying a wide range of different activities together. Other events held included a workshop in Scotland for members wanting to learn more about the skills required to become dog show judges, and a team building day. Eight members were offered the opportunity to undertake work placements at the Kennel Club over the past year and there are currently seven former YKC members on the Kennel Club’s permanent staff.

My big passion is dog behaviour and training – especially in the often-neglected area of companion dogs. Most of the dogs in this country will spend their lives as much-loved pets, and I maintain that being a pet dog is the hardest job we ever ask dogs to do! We have such high expectations of the dogs who share our lives, and the focus of the majority of my work is to help people have the relationship with their dog that they dream of from the moment they take their puppy home – and indeed often even before that. I want people to discover for themselves the joy that dogs have brought to me throughout my life.

My other passion is working within rescue organisations, both in the UK and abroad, to help dogs who haven’t had this good start in life, as well as speaking and running workshops or training clinics.

These two areas of work have most recently come together with the advent of The Puppy Plan – a joint programme that I have compiled from all the existing research and studies that have been done on the development of puppies. This project is now being run jointly by the Kennel Club and Dogs Trust to try and ensure that as many puppies as possible get the socialisation they need to ensure they turn into the very best dogs they can be, free from what are often totally preventable behaviour problems. In turn, the hope is that new owners will begin to realise the importance in finding puppies who have had this early socialisation – and then carry it on in their puppy’s new life.

Since my successful accreditation, I am also getting involved with the KCAI Scheme – once again to try and promote and encourage companion dog training as a specialised skill in its own right. Training dogs is easy – inspiring owners is a talent!
EDUCATION & TRAINING MONTH 2011
Following the success of the Kennel Club’s first dedicated month of education held in April 2011 at the Kennel Club Building, a second programme of events was scheduled in April 2012. A wide range of seminars were well attended, covering topics such as judging, exhibiting, managing dog shows and health and safety.

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA
The Kennel Club website is the first port of call for many people seeking information on the work that we do and on dogs in general, and we continue to strive to make it as user friendly as possible. We have separate websites for Crufts and Discover Dogs which contain necessary news and information for exhibitors and visitors. Together these sites receive around 3.5 million page visits each month, with numbers increasing significantly in the run up to Crufts and Discover Dogs.

The Kennel Club is actively engaged with social media and has six separate Facebook pages dedicated to different areas of work. Between them they have a total of nearly 140,000 fans and this continues to grow. We also have a good following on the KCLovesDogs Twitter account, which we use to promote key messages, current campaigns and news stories, whilst interacting with those who follow our tweets. We also use Flickr and YouTube to upload photos and videos from events as they happen.

PUPPY BUYING APP
Aimed at both potential puppy buyers and new owners, the Kennel Club launched a new Puppy Buying app for Android phones in November 2011, with an iPhone version made available in April 2012. The app features advice on how to choose and care for a puppy, a checklist of questions to ask a breeder and links to help search for local clubs and training advice.

KENNEL CLUB FILMS
The Kennel Club produced and distributed two films during the past year. The first, entitled ‘Dogs – A Healthy Future’ – focussed on the Kennel Club’s work to improve the health and welfare of pedigree dogs, whilst the second, ‘STOP Puppy Farming’ took a closer look at what can be done to eradicate this cruel trade.

Here is a summary of the work undertaken during the past year:

HEALTH AND BREEDING
The Kennel Club has maintained dialogue with the Advisory Council on the Welfare Issues of Dog Breeding, which has been tasked to look into the issue of dog health and breeding. It also met regularly with representatives from all devolved administrations to discuss concerns regarding health and breeding, and has lobbied for minimum standards for breeding, similar to those of the Kennel Club’s Assured Breeder Scheme, to be made mandatory for anyone breeding dogs.

PUPPY FARMING
The Kennel Club held its inaugural national Puppy Awareness Week (PAW) in September 2011 to help educate the public on buying a puppy responsibly, and raise awareness of puppy farming. In support of PAW, the Kennel Club created a petition to end puppy farming. The Kennel Club reformed the Pet Advertising Advisory Group, made up of leading animal welfare organisations and Defra in 2011. The group works to improve the standards of and promote responsible pet advertising by working with online advertisers to provide best practice as well as educating the public on the do’s and don’ts of buying pets via advertisements.

The Kennel Club is also working with government departments in England, Wales and Northern Ireland as they look into reviewing dog breeding and licensing regulations.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING CONTINUED

THE KENNEL CLUB LOBBIES EACH OF THE GOVERNMENTS ACROSS THE UK ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES ON BEHALF OF DOGS AND DOG OWNERS. IT IS ALSO HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE MANAGEMENT OF AND PARTICIPATION IN SEVERAL SPECIALIST WORKING GROUPS.

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SOUND BITE | PATRICIA SUTTON

I was brought up in the thick of the world of showdogs at every level. My parents, started the Rossut Kennels in the mid 50’s and ran the two Championship Shows, Windsor and Richmond for 28 years. Since the late 80’s the Rossut Beagles have continued to be bred and shown by myself and the kennels have continued to produce many more Champions. I first gave C.C.s in Beagles in the late 70’s and added Irish Water Spaniels and Field Spaniels later. I have been involved with horses all my life and still have a large Livery Yard with 24 horses. Passed the BHS Instructor Exam in 1974 and taught at all levels since.

I have hunted all my life and have a close association with one of the oldest Drag Hunt packs. I hunted the hounds for 20 years and was then a Master for 20 years and am now the Hunt Chairman. I am now able to give more time to the K.C. and sit on the General Committee, Finance and General Purposes Committee, and I am also a Trustee of the Kennel Club Educational Trust.
DANGEROUS DOGS
The Kennel Club’s campaign to repeal and replace existing dangerous dog legislation received support from UK postal workers in June 2011 as the Communication Workers Union (CWU) came out in support of Lord Redesdale’s Dog Control Bill. The bill successfully passed through the House of Lords in 2011 and is now being taken forward in the House of Commons.

The Kennel Club produced a joint briefing paper ‘Finding solutions to irresponsible dog ownership’ with other major stakeholders, including Battersea Dogs & Cats Home, BVA, Dogs Trust, Communications Workers Union, Guide Dogs for the Blind, National Dog Wardens Association, Police Federation, RSPCA, UNISON and Unite, which has now been issued to government.

ELECTRIC SHOCK COLLARS
The Kennel Club has continued to lobby governments in Westminster, Scotland and Northern Ireland to introduce a ban on electric shock collars, following the Royal Courts of Justice quashing of the Electric Collar Manufacturers Association’s judicial review against the ban on electric shock training devices in Wales.

Freedom of Information requests were submitted to the University of Lincoln regarding research commissioned by Defra at the university on the effects of electric shock collar use. Further meetings have been requested with the Ministers in both Scotland and Westminster to highlight the Kennel Club’s concerns and support for a ban has been received from politicians in all administrations.

ACCESS FOR DOG WALKERS
The Kennel Club has worked closely with a number of bodies including Natural England, the British Horse Society and the City of London Corporation to defend the rights of responsible dog owners and their enjoyment of the countryside, parks, urban areas and the coast. The Club is also working with other access users including Ramblers, Open Spaces Society and Sport and Recreation Alliance to form the Forest Access User Group, which is lobbying the Forestry Commission (FC) panel to ensure that access is protected and improved on Forestry Commission land, having been part of the successful lobby to stop the sale of FC land.

KC Dog – the Kennel Club’s group for dog owners, monitors dog control orders being considered by local authorities across England and Wales and helps to co-ordinate responses to council consultations which can lead to a ban on lead free dog walking and dogs being banned from certain areas. KC Dog responded to over 30 consultations during 2011 and its lobbying has resulted in a number of successes where proposed orders have been dropped.

MICROCHIPPING
The Kennel Club is lobbying Westminster, the Welsh and Northern Ireland Assemblies for the introduction of compulsory microchipping and is part of the Microchipping Alliance, a group comprising animal welfare charities and other stakeholders. The Kennel Club and Petlog met with politicians across the UK to discuss the benefits of microchipping during National Microchipping Month in June 2011. After a successful lobbying campaign, the Northern Ireland Assembly introduced compulsory microchipping under the Dogs (Amendment) Act in 2011.

ANIMAL TESTING
The Kennel Club lobbied East Riding of Yorkshire Council regarding an application to establish a Beagle breeding facility in the area, leading to the council rejecting the application. Additionally, the Kennel Club has worked with Beagle Welfare, and has written to and met MPs to discuss animal testing on dogs. The Kennel Club works and helps to fund FRAME, the Fund for the Replacement of Animals in Medical Experiments.

DOG MEAT
The Kennel Club works in conjunction with Network for Animals, Dogs Trust and Animal Kingdom Foundation to tackle the international dog meat trade. A number of Foreign Office officials and diplomats, international Kennel Clubs and politicians have been contacted to draw their attention to the campaign and its causes, and a petition was presented to MPs in Westminster to raise awareness.
At Crufts 2012, the KCCT launched its inaugural International Canine Health Awards, to recognise individuals who are carrying out innovative research to improve dog health. The Awards, which will provide significant funds to the winners, are being underwritten by a major gift from the Vernon and Shirley Hill Foundation.

KENNEL CLUB CHARITABLE TRUST

The Kennel Club Charitable Trust (KCCT) awards grants and supports the work of organisations which focus on three distinct areas:

- Science – funding research into health problems in dogs
- Support – helping to train dogs to help human beings
- Welfare – providing funds for dogs that need help or rescue

Since its foundation in 1987, the KCCT has distributed grants totalling around £6 million, with over £750,000 distributed during 2011 alone. Almost 60% of the money distributed during 2011 was directed in support of improving canine health. This figure includes the annual grant of £250,000 to support the Kennel Club Genetics Centre at the Animal Health Trust, as part of its overall commitment of £1.2 million over 5 years.

Among the major initiatives undertaken by the KCCT in 2011 was the setting up of the Kennel Club’s Bark & Read Foundation to support and promote the work of charities that take dogs into schools as reading volunteers to help tackle the UK’s literacy problems. The Bark & Read Foundation is working with Pets As Therapy, through their Read 2 Dogs project, and R.E.A.D (Reading Education Assistance Dogs), both of which operate in schools around the country, helping children to read to their specially trained support dogs.

A significant proportion of the KCCT’s funding comes from the Kennel Club, which donated nearly £350,000 to the KCCT in 2011 (including mainly contributed by Agria Pet Insurance, the Kennel Club’s pet insurance partner. However, the charity operates independently from the Kennel Club and, like all charities in England and Wales, reports to the Charity Commission. The Trust’s accounts can be viewed on the website, www.thekennelclub.org.uk/charitabletrust.

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THE KENNEL CLUB EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The Kennel Club Educational Trust (KCET) invests in projects which provide opportunities to educate people about dogs and to promote positive messages about responsible dog ownership to a broader audience. The Kennel Club donated £125,000 to the KCET in 2011 in order to develop its activities. The KCET managed the creation of the Kennel Club Building at Stoneleigh Park, where over 360 events were held during 2011. Further details can be found in the Events and Activities section of this report.
THE KENNEL CLUB’S LONDON HEADQUARTERS PROVIDES A RANGE OF FACILITIES TO BOTH MEMBERS OF THE CLUB AND NON-MEMBERS ALIKE. THESE INCLUDE ITS ART GALLERY AND LIBRARY, AND VARIOUS MEETING ROOMS WHICH ARE USED BY A NUMBER OF EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS FOR EVENTS SUCH AS BOOK LAUNCHES, AWARD CEREMONIES AND CHARITY FUNCTIONS.

Here is some of the activity at Clarges Street over the past year:

ART GALLERY

The Kennel Club Art Gallery maintains the largest collection of dog paintings in Europe and features works by a number of famous dog artists. The gallery is divided into two sections, with the permanent collection, which includes the famous Crufts Best in Show trophy, in pride of place and a second section for temporary exhibitions.

Over the past year the gallery has hosted three temporary exhibitions with the first of these, ‘The English Setter and Gordon Setter in Art’, running until June 2011 and ‘Photography Going to the Dogs: An Exhibition of Vintage Dog Photography’ from July 2011 – January 2012. The photography exhibition was extremely popular and received a record number of visitors, including not just those with an interest in canine history but also Victorian history and vintage photography enthusiasts.

The current exhibition is entitled ‘A Terrier’s Tale: The Manchester Terrier through History’ and runs until late June 2012. The exhibition features two very important and historical oil paintings on loan from the Sir John Soane’s Museum and the Museum of London.

At the invitation of the Sladmore Gallery owners, a number of sculptures and trophies from the Kennel Club art collection were included in an exhibition entitled ‘The Dog Show’, which took place at the prestigious Sladmore Gallery in London in November and December 2011.

The Kennel Club supports a third registered charity, the Kennel Club Arts Foundation, the purpose of this charity is to create an archive of important pieces of canine art, literature and artefacts to be shown alongside the Kennel Club collection and preserved for the enjoyment of future generations.

LIBRARY

The Kennel Club Library is Europe’s largest canine library and welcomes many visitors and deals with a significant number of research requests each year. A number of rare and important items have been acquired in the last twelve months with the support of the Kennel Club Arts Foundation. These include an exceptionally rare first edition of A Treatise and Discourse of the Lawes of the Forrest by John Manwood, dated 1598, which is now the oldest item in the library collection. A range of newly published titles covering history, breeding, welfare, training, behaviour and nutrition, as well as breed-specific books, has also been added to the collection.

A special cataloguing project is underway to ensure that the library’s unique collections of personal papers, memorabilia and ephemera donated by notable figures in the canine world are fully documented and made accessible to researchers.

PICTURE LIBRARY

The Kennel Club Picture Library supplies thousands of images for use in Kennel Club publications, as well as sourcing images for use in books, magazines, greetings cards and other licensed products, and also provides a high-quality print reproduction service. New images continue to be added to the Picture Library online database on a regular basis and the Picture Library now represents fifteen professional photographers.

The Picture Library organised the seventh annual Dog Photographer of the Year competition in 2011. The number of entries to the competition grew this year, with almost 1,600 entries received from all over the world, benefiting from an increased online presence and attracting broadcaster Dame Jenni Murray and acclaimed photographer Martin Usborne as guest judges for the competition.

The winning photograph, along with other category winners, was displayed at Discover Dogs in November 2011. This year’s competition, which has been made free to enter, was launched at Crufts in March.
KENNEL CLUB MEMBERS
The Kennel Club has three levels of membership and encourages dog enthusiasts to join either as Members, Associates or Affiliates.

PRESS OFFICE
The Kennel Club’s in-house press office achieves national and regional exposure for the work carried out by the Kennel Club. Campaigns include the promotion of pedigree dogs and the Assured Breeder Scheme in local media, a campaign to promote Britain and Ireland’s native vulnerable breeds, and Open for Dogs, which aims to encourage shops and businesses to allow dogs access. In addition, the Get Fit With Fido campaign encourages owners and their dogs to get fit together through activities such as agility.

The Kennel Club was mentioned in over 4,000 print press cuttings (excluding dog and veterinary press) last year, with a combined readership of 720 million people and an equivalent advertising value of over £5 million. The Kennel Club’s spokespeople carried out 55 television interviews and more than 500 radio interviews throughout the year.

KENNEL GAZETTE
The Kennel Gazette is the Kennel Club’s monthly magazine and caters for breeders, judges, club secretaries and other dog enthusiasts. A different pedigree breed is featured each month, alongside articles covering a broad range of Kennel Club disciplines and news items and a full list of all Kennel Club licensed shows taking place over the coming three months. An edited online version of the Kennel Gazette is available on the website, www.thekennelclub.org.uk.

LICENSING
The Kennel Club has a series of licensing agreements in place to help promote the Kennel Club and Crufts name. The product range includes branded dog beds, collars, bowls, leads, dog diary, gift cards, print reproductions, colour prints, outdoor kennels and engraved dog ID tags. The Crufts branded products include event merchandise sold online and at the show, and a glossy quarterly magazine.

The Kennel Club’s accounts show a position close to break-even before tax for 2011, despite making charitable donations of over £500k in the year.

SPLIT OF TOTAL INCOME IN 2011
- Registrations and Healthcare: £11.5 million
- Other income: £1.8 million
- Members: £0.87 million
- Publications: £0.42 million
- Miscellaneous: £0.3 million
- Canine Activities: £2.22 million
- Education: £2.4 million
- Health, welfare and charity: £1.9 million
- External relations: £1.3 million
- Other expenditure: £7.9 million

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- Publications: £0.42 million
- Members: £0.3 million
- Canine Activities (gross income): £2.22 million

SPLIT OF TOTAL EXPENDITURE IN 2011
- Registrations and Healthcare: £5.4 million
- Other income: £0.87 million
- Publications: £0.3 million
- Miscellaneous: £0.22 million
- Canine Activities: £2.9 million
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- Health, welfare and charity: £2.4 million
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- Other expenditure: £7.9 million
My first year as Chairman would have been much more challenging without the help and support of my colleagues on the General Committee who, in a voluntary capacity, give so much time and work so hard on behalf of the Kennel Club Members. Many of them lead very busy lives outside the Kennel Club with significant demands upon their time however, without fail, they attend meetings and represent the Club at various functions with great dedication. I have been struck by just how many volunteers the dog world attracts and how passionate and dedicated they are whether they are involved on dog club Committees, with breed rescue, representing their activity or breed on Kennel Club Liaison Councils or as members of Kennel Club Sub-Committees – the dog is very well served by these unsung heroes.

I have also been struck by the breadth of the Club’s work which covers every aspect of dog ownership and dog health and welfare. Our business is holding up well despite difficult financial times mainly due to hard work by your Kennel Club staff. It is vital that we manage our business effectively to enable us to continue investing in the many activities, educational projects and charitable works all of which benefit dogs. The efforts made by our Executive Team contain and, in many cases, reduce overheads and this is impressive. We very much appreciate the continuing support received from the many sponsors with whom we work and strive to ensure that they benefit from their association with us.

The Kennel Club staff, both in London and Aylesbury do outstanding work; I have been deeply moved by their dedication to the Kennel Club and their absolute commitment to the health and welfare of dogs. They support the Kennel Club with great professionalism and carry out policy to a very high standard ensuring that the General Committee’s wishes are achieved and cost effectively managed.

Finally, this year especially, the Trustees have been very busy and so my particular thanks to Mike Townsend and Simon Luxmoore for their advice and support. I would also include Alan Rountree who has selflessly provided the Trustees with advice and guidance throughout the year.

Steve Dean
Chairman

AWARDS
Certificates issued in 2011:
Challenge Certificates 6,993
Champion Certificates 1,072
Breeders Diplomas 1,196*
Agility Certificates 71
Agility Champions 31
Obedience Certificates 90
Obedience Champions 17
Working Trial Certificates 29
Working Trial Champions 9
Stud Book Certificates 4,756
Junior Warrants 625
Obedience Warrants 27
Show Certificates of Merit 507
Agility Warrants 398
Field Trial Champions 67
Field Trial Stud Book Certificates 578

DISCIPLINARY SUB-COMMITTEE
RULE A 42: There were two complaints which culminated in hearings before the Disciplinary Sub-Committee.
RULE A 43: There were two cases considered by the Disciplinary Sub-Committee under Rule A 43 involving convictions for unnecessary suffering.

FIELD TRIALS SUB-COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF THE MAIN AREAS OF BUSINESS FOR THE FIELD TRIALS
SUB-COMMITTEE IN 2011
Number of meetings held 4
Field Trial awards, including Show Gundog Working Certificates processed 3,158
Applications for permission to hold new Field Trials 8
Applications for addition to Panel Judges list 53
Licence applications 701
Applications from unregistered organisations and individuals to hold Gundog Working Tests and other related events 16
Breaches of Regulation 4

GOOD CITIZEN DOG TRAINING SCHEME CUMULATIVE PASSES TO END 2011:
Puppy Foundation Assessment 145,277
Bronze Passes 163,481
Silver Passes 55,782
Gold Passes 24,609

*includes Breeders Diplomas for all disciplines
JUDGES SUB-COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF THE MAIN AREAS OF BUSINESS FOR THE JUDGES SUB-COMMITTEE IN 2011:

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REGISTERED SOCIETIES

At the end of 2011 there were 1,835 registered societies and during the year 12 new society registrations and 45 de-registrations were processed.

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