

CLA Game Fair 2013



A 'whirlwind' of Welshies and their owners attended the CLA Game Fair held at Ragley Hall on 19th, 20th & 21st July. The Welsh Springer Spaniel Club Working Sub Committee organised a total of fourteen Welsh Springers and their owners to attend over the three-day event to provide a continuous presence on the Welsh Springer Spaniel stand in the Sporting Dog Pavilion. All of the dogs are regularly worked in the shooting season and often compete in working tests. The temperatures at the CLA were very high, especially in the marquee, but all of the dogs remained relaxed in what was a crowded environment of people, children, and other dogs and demonstrated their merry and outgoing temperament at all times.

Thanks go to Anne Morgan for organising this event and to Sue and Paddy Connolly, Tina Smith, Paul and Mandy Steadman, Debbie Hargreaves and Dave Yates, Paul and Fiona Stevenson, and Kim and Colin Stone for attending and providing information and advice on the stand. The stand was busy over the three days with a lot of interest in the breed and positive feedback from the general public. Fiona Stevenson also dealt with an enquiry from a 'strange man' who was asking her difficult questions. However, her diligence and patience paid off when he announced that he was working on behalf of the CLA to 'test' the information being provided by the breed stands and announced the Welsh Springer Spaniel Club stand was the winner on the Saturday. A bottle of champagne was awarded to the team.