

## WCRA NEWS UPDATE - 13 JULY 2009



The last couple of weeks have seen events unfold with bewildering speed, and we appreciate that as a result many of you have heard only rumour rather than fact. However, we are pleased to say we now have a united committee, which has certainly not been the case for the past year.

### **2 August Championships**

These are going ahead.

Entries should now be sent to Kim Saxby, 33 Stokins Road, Kingsclere, Newbury, Berks RG20 5RG. We have extended the closing date to Saturday 18 July. Entries are flowing in steadily. If you are worried that your entry may not arrive in time for the deadline then contact Kim for confirmation on 01635 299580 or email [sandspring.whippets@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sandspring.whippets@yahoo.co.uk)

We are very grateful for the support offered to us, which means we will continue to have an experienced team in place to run Championship race meetings.

The next two WCRA Championships will be at Moreton-in-Marsh on 4 October (straight Champs plus Veteran Crowns) and 25 October (240-yard bend).

### **Committee.**

Sara Eaton has resigned as WCRA treasurer and is now treasurer of the new NPWRA.

In addition to Sara, Andy Ingley, Dougie Hood and Steve Evans have resigned from the WCRA committee. We thank them all for their efforts and wish them well.

### **Vensuter Alamo Flyer X Wheatroyd Magic Maisie litter**

We said at the Club Representatives' meeting on 24 May that we would keep people informed on progress.

We honoured the majority wish at the Club Representatives' meeting that the passports be deactivated pending further testing. Many of you will now know that our decision was appealed to the Whippet Club and the appeal was upheld. As a result the passports are now active. All four whippets are eligible to race at events where valid WCRA passports are a condition of entry.

Whilst we have been delayed by other pressing matters, we have now restarted the groundwork to see what data we can use. This in itself is no small task! We have sought direction and independent advice regarding the specialist field of DNA testing and the Animal Health Trust are helping us in that regard. We appreciate there are limitations on what we can achieve - and there will be those who choose not to accept what we say - but we have a duty of care under our Rule 1.1 to close out the matter to the best of our ability.

End of update.

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