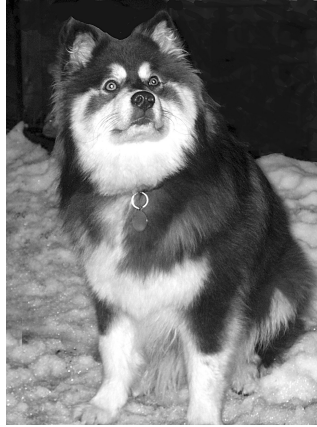


A First at Crufts 2009

This time last year we were sitting at Crufts watching the Finnish Lapphund classes. We met a breeder Sheila Hall (Sambreeze) who had just bred a litter of six puppies. We had researched different breeds that had to be good with children and cats. Lappies were top of the list with their stunning looks and great temperament. So we pestered Sheila for a pup of our own. We couldn't wipe the smile off our faces when she said yes! Finnish Lapphunds are a rare breed in this country (around 480) and have long waiting lists. We chose Taimi - it had to be her as my



husband doesn't like white knee-length socks and she has a lovely pair! We have had great fun with Taimi in the last year. My children now really enjoy dogs and she has also helped others become less worried by dogs. Both her Father and Uncle are P.A.T. (Pets As Therapy) Dogs and we would like to follow in their paw

prints!

Taimi has won many shows and many admirers in her first year. I was so proud and amazed when she won our Special Junior Bitch class at Crufts this year.

Paula Grimmert and Taimi

The Walking Bus

Previous unsuccessful attempts have been made to initiate some form of walking bus at The Wychwood Primary School. We are planning a new initiative in September which will require the support and co-operation of the whole community. The location and parking conditions at the school create a tremendous bottleneck at delivery and pick up times when the school is in session, and parents are tempted to park awkwardly or illegally as close to the school as they can get. Starting in the new school year, we are going to ask parents to park their cars at either Milton Village Hall or New Beaconsfield Hall, and allow their children to walk with the crocodile file of children from those points to the school. For this plan to work successfully we will need at least 40

people willing to escort the children from the Village halls to the school in the morning and back in the afternoon. Each crocodile file will need an escort at the front and the back in the morning and in the afternoon. We need sufficient people to cover the bad weather/sick children/personal emergency problems that will inevitably occur.

This plan has the support of both Shipton and Milton Parish Councils, as well as the Chipping Norton police, and the Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG). If you are able to become a volunteer escort, please give your name to Julie Hemmings at the school or to me.

Together we can create a successful walking bus which will eliminate the traffic problems at Wychwood School.

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