



## East Anglian Display Team at Crufts

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For the 5th year running our Display Team made their appearance in the Main Arena at Crufts showing off how versatile Staffordshire Bull Terriers really are. This year we added another dimension to our display using music clips to highlight some of the action which worked well. Our team members are always keen to step up to the plate and our display now consists of action packed agility and also plenty of tricks. We also this year included a demonstration of the new 'Obreedience' competition that the Kennel Club have introduced which consists of four dogs on a team showing off various obedience disciplines. The idea is to encourage breeds other than those traditionally associated with obedience to have a go - Staffords of course can rise to the challenge! We are also lucky that we have puppies on the team and even Avril's young daughter Izzy joining in so we can maximise 'The Cute Factor' - everyone loves a puppy and child working together. Following the display in the Main Arena we were also invited to take

part in the Good Citizen ring later in the afternoon which got a great reception and a few of the team took their dogs on the Young Kennel Club stand to attract the crowds. It was a busy day but such good fun.





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And so now, our 2016 outdoor season is getting underway and we have a packed diary already.

This year we have decided to try to reach different audiences so we as well as some of our 'regular' bookings we have a couple of bookings with Classic Festivals at their events in Suffolk (Framlingham College) and Norfolk (Stradsett), we will be once again joining forces with Ali Taylor and Battersea at the CLA Game Fair, this year being held at Ragley Hall in Warwickshire, and we have also been invited to appear at Dog-Fest, the great dog event organised by Noel Fitzpatrick, the Supervet. This will

be in Windsor Great Park at the end of June. As

always, we would love to meet any of you if you are at any of these events.

