



STAFFORD SEMINAR IN SWEDEN by Helen Reaney

Swedish Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club Breed Specific Seminar October 1st 2016

Invited by Nicklas Nuland of the Swedish SBTC to do a breed specific talk, I travelled to Gothenburg on Friday 30th September. I arrived at 5.00pm greeted by Nicklas, and taken to my hotel. I had the evening to myself which was great as it gave me a chance to finish off my preparations and have an early night.

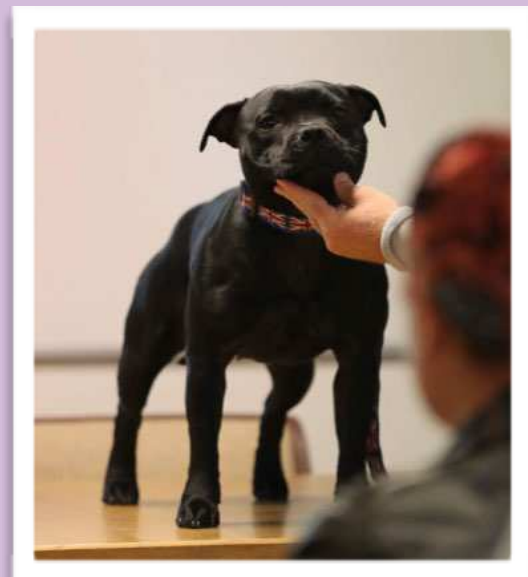
Saturday, I had the morning to myself and I travelled the short journey by tram into Gothenburg to do a bit of sightseeing; my last visit to this beautiful city was in 1978 when I was just 16 years old. The city is beautiful and I took loads of photos some of which I have included. The weather was mild and sunny and people were so friendly and always happy to help with directions.

Nicklas collected me at 2.30 and we travelled to the venue and he helped me set up the computer and PowerPoint presentation. With the permission of Lynn Caswell, I could use The Staffordshire Breed Illustration along with information sourced from the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Heritage Centre, my previous presentation booklet I did for the Kennel Club and plenty of photos which I had collected to highlight certain areas of the Standard. My good friend Jonas brought along his bitch who would be my demonstration dog and she was as good as gold for the hour she was on the table.

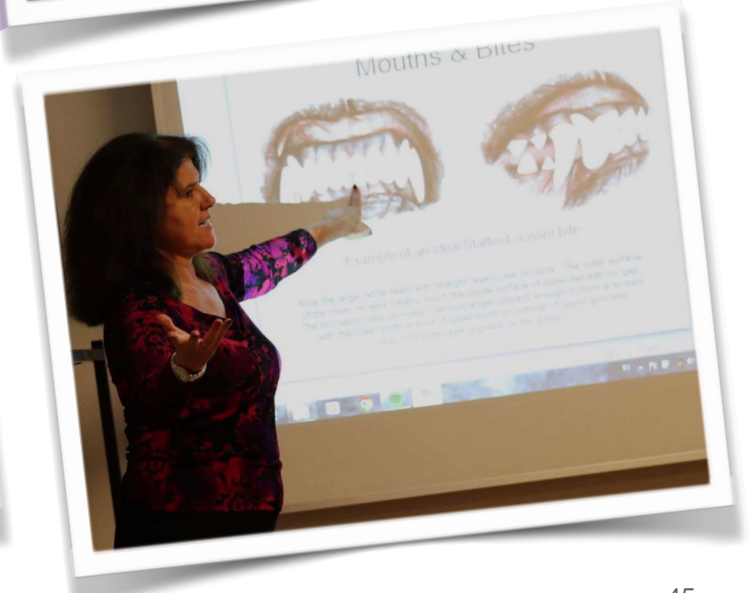
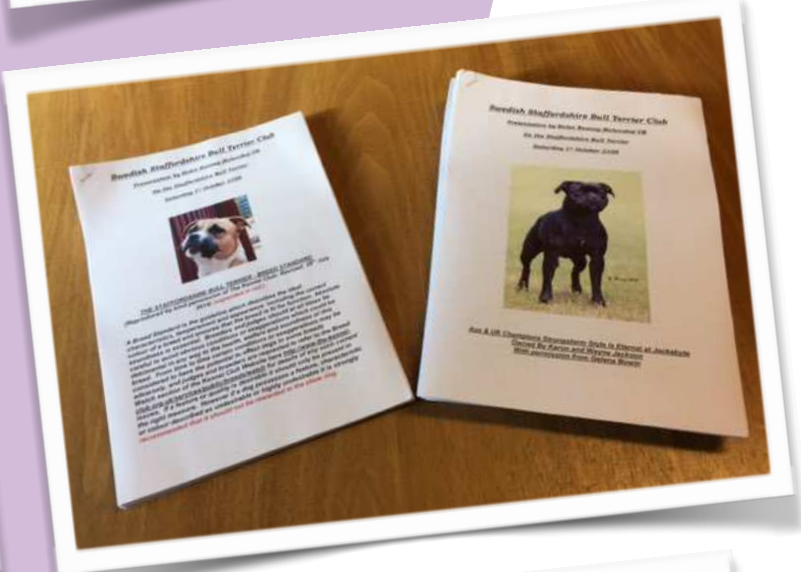
There were around 25 people in the room which suited me. A small group is more informal and you can always manage to answer all questions. Everyone who attended got involved, I made the seminar very light-hearted, which after the seminar everyone said they liked so much, I have been invited back again to do the same seminar in February 2017 when I judge in Stockholm.

The seminar lasted about two and half hours with the power point presentation taking about an hour, a short break and then we went through the photo folder of dogs I saw as breed type and photos of dogs with merits and demerits i.e. – light eyes, un-even bites, and head shapes. This section proved very interesting, as the 25 who attended got very involved in what they saw as the merits and demerits of each photo.

I enjoyed my 2nd Breed talk and I very much look forward to repeating this in February 2017 after judging with Archie Bryden who is also attending doing a short presentation on Health in the Staffordshire Bull Terrier.



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