



# EAST MIDLAND GUNDOG CLUB

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## CHARITY WORKING TEST IN AID OF THE AIR AMBULANCE

I shall start with a big thank you for your support in our above event held on the 30th April. **It is with great pleasure we can tell you that the total fundraising figure is £3815.00.** Geoff Dilworth put a great deal of thought and work into preparing the site for us and for that we are truly grateful. Without landowners like Geoff & Helen Dilworth who love and support our sport we would not be able to put on such events. The weather on approach to the date was somewhat questionable but the entries we received were fantastic however on the day the weather was kind and the sun shone (well for most of the day) and the 40 dog entry turned into 81 dogs. We had 4 tests and 4 great judges; Sandra Braithwaite, Geoff Dilworth, Tish Ford and Claire Rasell. they each had a helper to throw dummies, Chris Shaw, Simon Truslove, Martin Wills and Steph Wills. There was a Novice and Open category and we were so pleased to see so many newcomers who came along to give it a go. I'm sure they will all agree that our judges treated them well and gave great advice and help for them to get the best experience. As extra fun we had an agility ring to have a go and Fiona Horwill, who ran it, added to the fun by running a little competition, everyone always trying to beat the last time. Helen Swan and Ben Thompson were running a scurry which was very addictive and we had the odd escapee and some VERY fast times, all great fun. A large contributor to the total figure raised was our Auction, it is the first time we have ever done anything like this and the success was only down to the amazing contributions we had to add as lots for the auction. The range was wide and there was something for all. It was great to see people getting involved and we managed to increase some bids at the event with the participation of those there on the day. All our competitors were well fed and watered with some great quality burgers / bacon cobs, freshly cooked on site by Paul Ford and his team of volunteers, all the proceeds have gone into the pot. Amazing support came from the villagers of Shangton with some coming along simply to see what we get up to and others had joined Helen Dilworth in cake baking and running a cake stall on the day raising a great sum to add to the total. Thank you to all those who also brought cakes along to sell. Your support has been heart-warming and a true picture of how we all feel about this great cause, so important to us in our sports. Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance we thank you and to all the other Air Ambulance teams around the country. Finally to all our committee members who were there busily doing things before, during and after the day a huge WELL DONE and thank you from me.

Lesley Cooper-Shaw - Hon Working Test Secretary for East Midland Gundog Club.