

Hi. My name is Judith and I have been a member of BAGSD Reigate for 13 years. Our first GSD, Tammy came from the RSPCA. She was gentle but nervous – not surprising as she had been thrown out of car because she was expecting puppies. She was 2 years old when she came to us and lived with us for 13 years.

Then along came Joy, a rescue from Vigil and a very different kettle of fish, which is why I joined the club. They gave me a lot of help and advice and most importantly the confidence to help Joy with her problems. We lost her 2 years ago aged nearly 12years, she was a joy. When Joy was 5 we had Ava out first puppy for 30 years. She was gorgeous, very big and dominant, but oh so loving, life with two GSD's was a learning curve. We had a great deal of fun with them, also some quite hairy moments. We lost our darling Ava at the age of 8 years we were devastated.

When Joy died we acquired a Cocker Spaniel puppy, what a personality. We love him dearly but one little Spaniel was not enough and now we have Portia, she came to us from a GSD kennels aged 4 months and therefore missed out on a great deal of early learning. She is beautiful with the sweetest temperament but lacks confidence, which we are slowly building up. Time will tell.

Three years ago I was persuaded to go on the Instructors course, which I'm pleased to say I passed. A small repayment to BAGSD. I look forward to meeting you all.