

Keeping Cool at Brentwood with Dockdogs

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Well - what a hot weekend - and what better way to spend the time than diving into a huge pool of water! Sadly the dogs had all the joy and I was left sweltering on the side!

Dockdogs is a fairly new sport and is very simple in its idea (many people know of the Dash and Splash), Dockdogs is a little different in the way it is run and scored but still very addictive!

I had ago with Gabe last year - he managed to jump 6'3" measured from the dock to the where the base of the tail breaks the water. I had decided that this year Trip might enjoy it as well.

When I took her down for some practise she disgraced herself by running off the dock and running in huge circles around the dock (40') and pool (40') trying to find an easier way to get into the pool!

Many dogs find it very hard initially as the water is very clear - it appears to the dog just to be a 6' drop, they have to learn the water is there to break the fall.

Each of them had a turn in the qualifying rounds - each dog has the chance of 2 jumps and is allowed 90 seconds on the dock. Gabe managed to jump 7', Trip did slightly better and managed 10'3" which qualified her for the Big Air Amateur finals. There were 8 dogs in this and she managed to jump 11'3" which put her in 5th position. There was also a Semi Pro final (for the dogs who managed bigger jumps over the weekend) during this one dog managed to break the British record by jumping 22'3"!

The following pictures are of Hannah's dog Gabe showing how it is done!

