

## Sentiments from Sam



Well, the humans are getting all nervous because Crufts is coming up. This year The Wookie won't have all the attention because I'm off to the NEC as well. The only drawback to all this is we have to go to the shop to have Kayla, Holly and Beanie wash and brush us ready – a small price to pay for the chance of glory. I have to come to terms with being in the Veterans' class – I don't feel like a veteran but apparently at the tender age of seven I am. We had a bit of a panic because I got an infection in one of my toes and I was a bit lame but antibiotics cleared it up. Holly will be coming with us to make sure we are in perfect groom for Toni to take us in the ring Kayla will be preparing other dogs for Crufts as well as The Wookie and myself. She's getting quite a reputation in the shop for show dogs. I think she loves the puppies best though – I quite like them but they can be a bit 'nippy' with their baby teeth and they don't show respect for us 'seniors'.

After my class I will be going on the Discover Dogs stand. I like that because I get lots of cuddles, especially from little girls, and have my photo taken hundreds of time. So as well as behaving for Toni in the ring I have to be on my best behaviour on the Briard stand to maintain our reputation as 'Hearts wrapped up in fur' which is a misnomer because we have hair (hence we don't shed) but that doesn't span as well!

*Big Woofs from Sam (Beaugency Martel)*