

AND IN 2005 ...

This year has been full of the usual trips to the vet for dentals, check-ups, scans, blood tests etc.

We are delighted that **BOBBY** has just chalked up a full year at *Tailends*. He came from the same situation as Lloyd but was a year younger and although he was painfully thin with his coat stained by urine, from lying in a filthy kennel, he has blossomed here.

Apparently he was the UK champion at one time but this did not earn him any favours on his retirement.

BLUEBELL is becoming very senile but is happy in her own little world and loves her two walks daily and her bed which she can never get in the right position but moves it

around the room and often ends up with it upside down and her on top.

SUGARLUMP and **TWEENIE** are both becoming very elderly with related problems like incontinence, arthritis, kidney and heart disease. None of this prevents them from making their demands known. Tweenie insists on being within three feet of me every minute of the day and night. This is not due to her blindness as she is perfectly capable of

running around the beach or fields and is not at all phased by bumping into hedges or even rocks. Sugarlump can bark for England like all Jack Russells if she sees something interesting. It is hard to remember that she arrived as a terrified, pathetic little girl who had been kicked and abused and had no voice.

MOSS has lost most of the fear he

had when he arrived and is gaining more confidence every day. He is a lovely big, black boy with a very regal quality and is such a gentle greyhound.

PAPA has been another success

story. He arrived last September with an appalling mouth and almost unable to breathe. After a dental to remove all his rotten teeth and clean up his infected mouth, followed by another procedure to open up his larynx and enable him to breathe more easily, Papa is now a different dog. He is devoted to me too and follows me around like a lamb, insisting he sleep at my side at night.

BARNIE RUBBLE arrived in March,



BLUEBELL and DOPEY