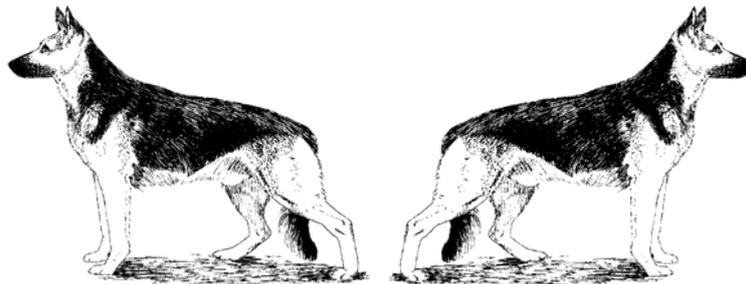
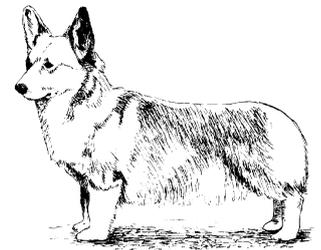
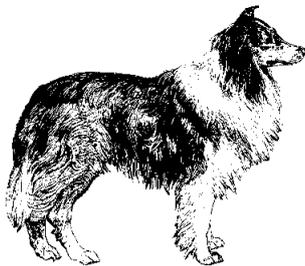
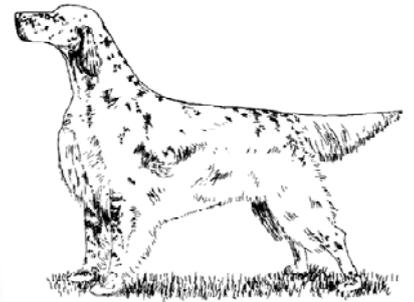


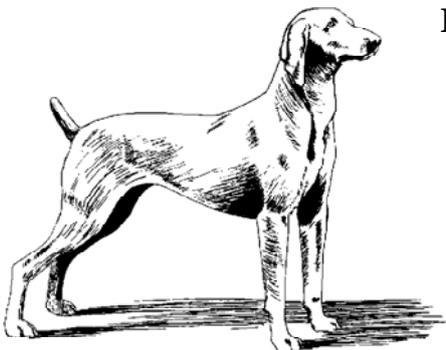
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Please remember the closing date for all Newsletter items is the 15th of each month

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CLUB CALENDAR

March

Sunday	13 March	LABOUR DAY WEEKEND. NO TRAINING
Tuesday	15 March	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	20 March	Normal training
Monday	21 March	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Agility Trial Entries close
Sunday	27 March	Normal training.

April

Sunday	3 April	Normal Training. Newsletter Available
Tuesday	5 April	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised.
Saturday	9 April	BACK-TO-BACK AGILITY TRIALS
Sunday	10 April	BACK-TO-BACK AGILITY TRIALS. NO TRAINING
Friday	15 April	Newsletter closes for articles, reports etc
Sunday	17 April	Fun Day including presentations. Also Induction for New Members for Beginners Class and Fully Vaccinated Puppies Under 6 months
Monday	18 April	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	24 April	Easter Weekend – NO TRAINING

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Bev Petrass	Sally Hunt	Susan Axe
Carole Sparks		

On behalf of the Committee, Instructors and Members, our thanks go to Kathy and John Taylor, for kindly donating a Refrigerator, to replace one that was lost in the flood. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well what a start to the year. First we have the flood where we lost a lot of stock and equipment in the two refrigerators and the freezer. The freezer we were able to salvage for a cost of \$185 one fridge is totalled and the other will require about \$500 spent on it. We had the big clean up and my thanks goes out to all of those who helped out there. We just looked like getting back to training on the grounds when we had the flash flood, when we had to cancel training altogether, as we were too late in the weekend to secure other sites.

We did send out an email to inform those we have on our list, but to those of you who are not on that list I do apologise. Then we had cancelled our training at the club due to the water logged state of the grounds. This decision was made by the grounds manager and me in the interest of your safety. Some parts of the grounds looked ok but the rest were very muddy and slippery under foot.

Please make sure you read the emails sent to you and if we have enough notice we will put an add in the Geelong Addy so as to keep you informed.

Jim Ball - President

AGILITY NEWS

What an interesting beginning to the training year! The soft green grass at Eastern Gardens is lovely but I can't wait to get back to our own grounds where we can have access to our agility equipment again. Thank you to Gleny's, Bev and Vanessa who have loaded up their cars both Sundays with their own equipment in order to provide jumps, hoops and gates for the agility members. There is only so much we can do 'on the flat', although we have discovered that some of our stays and verbal releases are really not as good as we had hoped when put to the test.

Despite the difficult conditions there are still lots of people wanting to participate in the fun of doing agility with their dogs. Yesterday at Eastern Gardens we worked with thirty-three dogs of all shapes and sizes and it was great to see how well they coped with so many distractions around them.

Like a few of us, some of our dogs have put on a little weight over the break and we need to be aware of this if we want them to be fit and healthy performance dogs. Watch your dog's diet and make sure he has regular exercise so he will feel up to the task of running, jumping and scrambling over obstacles. We encourage the use of food rewards but make sure you deduct these from your dog's meals or you will end up with an overweight dog who finds agility too demanding on his body.

We also encourage the use of toy play to reward your dog so see if you can find that special tug toy that will get your dog driving forward to claim his treasure.

On the last day of training last year there were many awards presented to members who had achieved titles in various disciplines throughout the year. Congratulations to all and a special "Well done," to our agility dogs who gained titles in 2010.

I am also very proud of two of our agility instructors who, with their dogs, won the two agility trophies presented by the club.



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Bev Petrass and her Schnoodle, Forby, won the trophy for Jumping/Agility Dog of the Year (NADAC), and Vanessa Bridges and her Koolie, Bryce, won the trophy for Jumping/Agility Dog of the Year (VCA).



Vanessa Bridges and her Koolie Bryce



**Bev Petrass and her Schnoodle,
Forby**

Fantastic effort from both of you! I know how hard you have worked to achieve this success. There have not been many agility trials over the summer due to the heat, but things begin to pick up from now on.

Good luck to those trialling in March at Ballarat, Warrnambool and Moorabbin.

Trish Gavaghan

Library News

GEELONG REGIONAL LIBRARY CORP: NEW ARRIVALS. PUBLISHED 2011

- * Ruth, Strother: The dog friendly home. DIY projects for dog lovers.
- * Dennison, Pamela: The complete idiot's guide to positive dog training.
- * Pilgug, Sabrina: Dog relax. Relaxed dogs relaxed owners.

Sorry, not a member of GLRC, can't review them for you until I can access thru InterLibrary Loan.. Perhaps a member might like to do the honours and pass it on to Doggy Gossip.

DICTIONARY UPDATE: Operant Conditioning. It is what you are taught in class. Simply when you reward your dog when it sits you increase the likelihood of the behaviour [the sit] in future because the sit has a pleasant consequence. Skinner used Pigeons to demonstrate Operant Conditioning. This video clip explains it well. A PIGEON LEARNS TO READ!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=letJqjlrIHA>. The next one is not the most professional video but it makes the point. Good fun. HOW TO TEACH THE ROLLOVER USING OPERANT CONDITIONING.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?=rSiwyktySil>

YouTube Operant Conditioning [GOOGLE search term] has quite a range of video clips.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES HAVE A LOT TO OFFER THE K9 FRATERNITY.

1. They are free.
2. You can browse the catalogue at home on your library website.
3. They are usually just a short drive [even walk] from home.
4. Borrow on-line from home - the Library will tell you when your order arrives.

Websites - courtesy - Lyn Baines: Collections Manager: Eastern Regional Libraries.

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Using the Catalogue

http://www.erl.vic.gov.au/main/page.php?m=117&page_id=885

The Swift Consortium

If you are fortunate enough to be a member of one of the libraries listed below you can borrow items from any of these collections FREE OF CHARGE. If your Library is NOT you can still access the catalogue to search for items.

http://www.erl.vic.gov.au/main/page.php?m=117&page_id=887

Your local librarians will be delighted to assist you.

If the book you want is not available through the Swift Consortium you may be able to access it through Library Link.

Use: ZPORTAL search

as a search term. Quick & Easy. Once you arrive - follow the prompts.

My Library is not a Swift Consortium Member

You can still access S.C. Library Catalogues to see what is available. You THEN order through Library Link via your Local Library. Your Club Librarian will keep you updated on new additions to S.C. Member Libraries

You will still have access to Inter Library Loans through Library Link.

Geelong Regional Libraries are not part of the Swift Consortium.

See how non Consortium Libraries handle Inter Library Loans.

www.geelonglibrariesvic.gov./content/library-link

The most efficient way to borrow with Library Link is to know the exact title or author. It is not like shelf browsing - you MUST have something specific in mind to make the system work for you.

Robyn Youl - Librarian: Geelong Obedience Dog Club.

ADVERTISING RATES FOR "FAITHFULLY YOURS"

Advertisements are restricted to a maximum of 12 half pages per issue.

RATES

Half page Advertisement	1 Month	1 issue)	\$25.00
Half page Advertisement	6 Months	3 issues (bi-monthly)	\$50.00
Half page Advertisement	12 Months	6 issues (bi-monthly)	\$75.00

Bi-monthly means the odd months of the year (January, March, May, July, September and November). Half page "Title" and "Vale" notices are provided free to all Members. Copy must be submitted by the 15th of the month. If you would like photos etc returned, please provide a suitably sized SSAE.

Please note that we do not advertise puppy litters.

A PET'S TEN COMMANDMENTS:

Remember that your pets can't do a lot of things for themselves and that they depend on you to make their life a quality life!

1. My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment, but I have only you.
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.
7. Before you hit me, before you strike me, remember that I could hurt you, and yet, I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old or weak
9. Please take care of me when I grow old. You too, will grow old.
10. On the ultimate difficult journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, because I love you so.



Take a moment today to be thankful for your pets. Enjoy and take good care of them. Life would be a much duller, less joyful experience without them.

Sent in by Tracey Johnson





WE NEED YOUR HELP AT OUR TRIALS

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th April 2011

On Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th April our Club will be holding 4 Agility/Jumping Trials.

This will be a very busy weekend and we really do need your help. Agility/Jumping Trials are a great spectacle, but also very labour intensive, so if you would like to learn more about this particular canine discipline, here is your opportunity. Please tick a box where you will be prepared to offer an hour's service to your Club and

return it to the Office by Monday 21st March

Working Bee – Friday 8th April – 4pm - setting up rings, bins etc, cleaning and setting up hall

Ring Stewards – minimum of 9 will be needed each Trial each day-

Saturday

Morning Trial – required from 8.00am to 1.00pm approximately. Breakfast will be provided. Must be VCA Members

Afternoon Trial – required from 1.00pm to 4.30pm approximately. . Must be VCA Members

Sunday

Morning Trial – required from 8.00am to 1.00pm approximately. Breakfast will be provided. Must be VCA Members

Afternoon Trial – required from 1.00pm to 4.30pm approximately. Must be VCA Members

Ring Helpers – minimum of 4 will be needed each Trial – required to help move equipment when changing from Agility to Jumping and vice versa and to assist the Judge as requested. **No experience necessary.**

Saturday

Morning Trial – required from 7.30am to 1.00pm approximately. Breakfast will be provided.

Afternoon Trial – required from 1.00pm to 4.30pm approximately.

Sunday

Morning Trial – required from 7.30am to 1.00pm approximately. Breakfast will be provided.

Afternoon Trial – required from 1.00pm to 4.30pm approximately.

Please note: Lunch will only be provided for Members who are assisting over the whole of the day.

PLEASE TURN OVER

Raffle Stewards - 1 or 2 required during the day to assist our Raffle Steward and to walk around selling tickets

Saturday Sunday

Grounds Assistants - Morning - required from **7.00 am until lunchtime.** *Afternoon* - required from 3.30pm. Afternoon tea provided

Saturday Morning Saturday Afternoon Sunday Morning Sunday Afternoon

Canteen Helpers - required from 7.00 am to 5.00 pm (approx) - roster is available, if you can only help for an hour. Duties include selling food, assisting with Judges/Stewards lunches.

Day available _____

Time available _____

Cake Stall Steward - someone to take charge of the Cake Stall or two people to share the day. Required from 9.00 am to approximately 3.00 pm

Saturday Sunday

Cake Stall Donations

Donations of cakes, slices, muffins etc for sale on the Cake Stall. Need to be delivered to the Club by 9.00 am

(To comply with health regulations, donations must be labelled and ingredients listed in order from largest amount to smallest amount, thank you)

Food preparation

Assistance with preparation of food for BBQ tea on the Saturday night.

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

**There will be no normal training on
Sunday 10th April**

