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- ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW DEMONSTRATION -

With the arena in a quagmire, for the first of this year's demonstrations, members of six Obedience Dog Clubs endeavoured to demonstrate to the public, the routine work necessary to produce a Companion Dog, one who is good mannered anywhere, and good company for his master.

Although there was nothing lacking in numbers or enthusiasm of the participants - there was lacking the spectacular, which is so necessary to attract public interest.

On the second performance, with ground conditions greatly improved, the dogs were able to give their very best in every phase of the demonstration.

The improved weather also coaxed a greater public attendance to the stands, and the specialities were given all the appreciation they deserved.

It is felt that an inter-club trophy competition would bring greater public interest and the clubs competing could really give high class demonstration work.

It is disheartening to say the least for the club to travel from Geelong to Melbourne on four nights, a total of approx 450 miles and to perform to poor stands.

We wish to thank all those members who made the trips and supplied transport for fellow members and their dogs. The cooperation of all members and the wonderful work of the dogs is to be congratulated as they are all a credit to our club.***

- NOTICE -

of

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

October 13th, 1959.

AT 8.00 p.m.

To be held in the rooms of the
Four Square Club.
Malop Street.

- DOGS IN THE NEWS - FROM OVERSEAS -

(St. Louis, Missouri) -

One morning recently a German shepherd dog lolled contentedly on his side, tail wagging, as a small boy climbed over him and playfully pulled his ears.

That night the same dog, a snarling 80 lb. bundle of fury, helped to scatter a threatening mob of 1000 people, and sniffed out a burglar hiding in a dark warehouse.

The dog is one of 19 that went through an intensive 14 week training course based on Scotland Yard methods, which changed them into alert, obedient police dogs in the St. Louis Canine Corps.

The police sent Mr. O'Connell, Major Aylward and Dr Victor Brannon, director of the St. Louis Government Research Institute, to London in 1956 to study the Scotland Yard plan.

They returned enthusiastic over what they had seen. Last year five St. Louis policemen went to London for a 14 week training session.

Each returned with a trained German Shepherd dog. The group became the nucleus of the Canine Police Corps which has attracted visitors from all parts of the United States, as other police departments look into the advantages of the dogs.

"They have a big psychological effect, too", Major Aylward said.

Recently two patrolmen were trying to flush a burglar they knew was hidden in a warehouse, all the dogs were off duty, but one of the men called "Let's turn the dogs loose". The burglar popped out of his hiding place and surrendered.

(London):

"A BLESSING IN DISGUISE"

Tears glistened in the eyes of a little Irishwoman as she pleaded with the priest: "Father, would you be coming and blessing my little one . . she's terribly sick."

Immediately, Father Desmond MacCarthy, hustled to the woman's home. From an upstairs window a man called: "She's up here, Father, the door is open".

Father MacCarthy ran up the stairs and opened the bedroom door. There lay the little one - a two year old greyhound called Crossing the Waters.

Carpenter Thomas Ryan and his wife implored the priest to pray for the dog. So Father MacCarthy prayed. And the dog got better.

So much better in fact that she raced at the New Cross dog track and won - at three to one.

Father MacCarthy heard later that many of his parish won quite a lot of money on the race.***

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- TRAINING NOTES -

You may have noticed in our last magazine that we now have 9 C.D. dogs in the club, which shows an increase of 4 more C.D.'s gained in a month.

Congratulations to their owners.

The time and patience that these owners have given to their dogs has been fully rewarded, and you could also have that same pleasure and pride in owning a Companion Dog.

A trained dog is a useful dog.

Make it a challenge to bring out the best in your dog. He will enjoy the companionship and you will appreciate his intelligence and faithfulness more.

Have you a problem regarding the training of your dog?

If so, mail it to the Editor of your club's magazine and it will be answered through the columns of "Shepherd News".

...Col. Kitchenmaster,
Training Supervisor. ****

- CLUB TRAINING BOOKS -

We have available, booklets *
on the training of your dog - *
compiled by Mr. Colin Mitchell. *

This is a very informative little book, which extends the instruction in training you are given at Sunday Training Sessions.

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good value. *

Books are obtainable from *
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- DO'S & DON'Ts of TRAINING -

'Always' praise and encourage your dog when he is working well and correctly.

'Never' hit your dog with the palm of your hand, use the tone of your voice only.

'Always' groom your dog every day.

'Never' punish your dog when you are angry, or lacking control.

... Extracts from the
Club Training Book.

- SEEN AT TRAINING -

Eight dogs sitting comfortably in their cars - gazing out of the windows, with smug grins on their faces.

And what were they gazing at?

 Their handlers, rehearsing the routine for the Royal Show Demonstration.

And what made them grin?

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- WHAT AILS YOUR DOG -

This month we will deal with
WORMS IN PUPPIES:

Puppies are affected with worms, which may attain a very large size. While it is possible for a puppy to harbour internal parasites and still present a healthy appearance, an affected puppy usually does not thrive or grow well, and generally eats voraciously.

The abdomen is usually distended, later there is poor coat, loss of flesh and appetite becomes irregular. Diarrhoea may occur, and in a number of cases the puppy will vomit worms which may have reached the stomach. In some cases the presence of worms in the bowel may give rise to fits and convulsions.

The addition of about a tablespoonful of finely grated raw carrot mixed with some finely chopped or minced meat as part of the daily ration will often clear a puppy of worms without any medicinal treatment.

Medicinal treatment should only be given on the advice of a Vet. who will prescribe treatment.

The regular dosing of worm remedies on the assumption that "all puppies have worms" can be extremely dangerous, and has been responsible in some cases, for the death of otherwise healthy puppies.***

- SOCIAL JOTTINGS -

Fred Lehrman entertained Club members and friends at his home on Saturday evening, September 19th.

Although there was a gale blowing and rain pouring, making it unsuitable for an outdoor barbeque - Fred and his guests were undaunted, as determinedly they grilled their steaks under the shelter of Bill Stephens now famous 'tarp.' (which has been used on a previous occasion as a dance floor).

Fred reports that "A good time was had by all" and everyone is looking forward to another one.***

- GALA PREPARATIONS -

Gala Day is nearly here again, and once again the time has come for some action on this year's Club Float for the procession.

Last year we had the honor of winning a First Prize - after a mammoth effort by a handfull of helpers the float was completed at 2.30 a.m. on Gala morning. We sincerely hope that will not be necessary this year - we need every hand on deck to help - in making suggestions, plans and ultimately to assist in the decorating of the float decided upon - believe me it's great fun.

So put your thinking caps on and let's have some suggestions from you, we have quite a number of new members among us now so let's hear your ideas.

All suggestions must be handed in either to Mr. Bill Stephens or the Editor by October 10th to enable a decision to be reached and the float commenced.***

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- SHOW NEWS -

Several of our more "Show minded" members have been successful at recent country Shows.

At the Colac Agricultural Show, Mrs. Reid won Best Exhibit with "Armando Brunhilde" and Mr. Granich took the Challenge with "Armando Alco" at the recent Bendigo Show.

The Royal Agricultural Show at Melbourne brought the climax of the show season with an entry of 1800 dogs covering 80 breeds.

The Earl of North Esk, England, principal Judge of the dogs, says - quote "This Show is a Judges paradise. The standard here is the highest I have seen in my overseas judging engagements" unquote.

The German Shepherd breed topped the entries with 189 dogs.

No other breed has held its position in the dog world like this breed, which is remarkable considering that no new blood can be imported into the country.

The Challenge winners for the German Shepherds were as follows :-

Koonraven Kennels K.C.C. Ch.
"Koonraven Keltie" (N.S.W.)
Miss K. Steigenbergers K.C.C. Ch
"Bellhaven Brenda"

In the Obedience Trial section the winners were :-

1. Mr. H. Bellott's German Shepherd
"Prince Rintee"
2. Mr. T. Faulkner's Welsh Corgi
"Rozavon Owen Glendower"
3. Mr. & Mrs. H. Melvin's Border Collie
"Redrob Renown"

You will no doubt recognize some of those winners as entrants at our trials and parades and join the Club in offering congratulations on their success.

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This brings us closer to home now with the fast approaching Geelong Show which takes place on October 15th, 16th & 17th.

According to reports of arrangements going forward this year's Show promises to out do last year and that was a great success.

We hope that there will be a large representation of our Club members entering their dogs in the German Shepherd section and the best of luck to all the entrants.***

- CAKE RAFFLE -

Members are reminded that there is a beautifully decorated cake being raffled @ 6d. per ticket or 5 for 2/-, to help raise Club Funds.

Books of tickets can be obtained from Club Treasurer and we would ask all members to help this raffle along.***

- CABARET DANCE -

The Non Sporting, Sheep & Cattle Dog Obedience Club of Geelong is holding a Cabaret Dance at Rippleside on Saturday, October 10th, commencing at 8.00. p.m.

Tickets 5/- Single 10/- Double are available from Mr. Granich.

Supper will be served - Bring Your Own Drinks.

A warm welcome is extended to all members of the Geelong German Shepherd Dog Club. ***